The State of Texas



We, the undersigned Members of the Texas House of Representatives, do hereby affirm our sworn commitment to faithfully execute the duties of the office to which we have been duly elected and to uphold the Texas Constitution and preserve the intent of our state's supreme governing document. In effect since February 15, 1876, the Texas Constitution stands as the basis of principles that shall continue to guide the laws that we enact and the values that we promote.

Further, as the undersigned Members, we solemnly proclaim that the institution of marriage is clearly established in Article 1 Section 32 of the Texas Constitution as a union consisting of one man and one woman. We also find that this belief is widely shared in Texas, exhibited by Article 1 Section 32 being a constitutional amendment duly proposed by the 79th Legislature and ratified by more than 76% of Texas voters participating in the November 8, 2005 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Traditional marriage is the bedrock institution of both our society and the success Texas has been blessed to experience since our admission as the $28^{\rm th}$ state within these United States of America.

We, therefore, affirm the preservation of the present definition of marriage as being the legal union of one man and one woman as husband and wife, and pledge to uphold and defend this principle that is so dearly held by Texans far and wide.

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