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## **NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST HARDCORE PORNOGRAPHY**

On February 8th Florida Family Association sent out an email asking concerned citizens to urge President George Bush and U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to vigorously enforce federal obscenity statutes.

Additionally, the Florida Family Association web site [floridafamily.org](http://floridafamily.org) has successfully encouraged many citizens to send emails urging the Attorney General to vigorously prosecute pornography. FFA has devoted significant resources to this issue for over three years.

**GOOD NEWS!** U.S. Senator Sam Brownback issued the commendation printed on page 4 to the President and Attorney General for their recent decision to continue obscenity prosecution against a hardcore pornographer in California.

The decision made by the president and attorney general to appeal this case is a major step in the right direction. This decision is a good indication that the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section task force created in April of 2004 will continue in their mission to prosecute pornography on the internet, cable television and at adult bookstores.

Florida Family Association would like to THANK EVERYONE who took part in sending emails over the past eighteen months to urge the Office of the U.S. Attorney General to take action against internet porn.

Florida Family Association will continue to urge the Attorney General to vigorously prosecute porn on the internet until sufficient action is taken.

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## **FLORIDA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT**

Homosexual activists have filed six lawsuits in Florida seeking to legalize same-sex marriage. The Florida Constitution needs to be amended to define marriage in order for the State of Florida to provide the greatest possible legal protection to the institution of marriage.

Florida Family Association together with several pro-family organizations and church denominations launched a petition drive on February 14, 2005 to amend Florida's constitution to protect marriage.

The petition seeks to add the following amendment to the Florida Constitution:

"Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

### **PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THE BLANK PETITION FORM BEFORE YOU FILL IT OUT**

A copy of the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment is enclosed with this newsletter. Please make copies of the petition form to give to you pastor, family, friends and church members. Please return the completed petition forms to the address printed at the bottom of the petition so they can be filed with the proper Supervisor of Elections.

Once the petition is signed by a minimum of 611,000 registered Florida voters the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment will be placed on a general election ballot for the voters to approve.

For this amendment to succeed, FFA needs to place this petition form into as many hands as possible.

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# WHAT THEY REALLY WANT

Homosexual activists claim that their same-sex relationships should have the same right to marital status as heterosexuals. They claim that marital status will cause more homosexual couples to lead long term monogamous relationships. They claim that they need marital status for the legal rights it affords each partner.

The perception is that if same-sex marriage were approved in the United States that many homosexual and lesbian couples would get married and stay married. However, statistics taken from several European countries that have legalized same-sex marriage clearly refute this perception.

Consider the following statistics taken from twelve countries that have approved same-sex marriage:

**Only 2% of the homosexual community actually married.**

**The average duration of the marriage was 18 months.**

**Married same-sex couples averaged 8 extra-marital partners during their average marriage duration of 18 months.**

The above facts clearly do NOT support the allegation by homosexual activists that they really want marriage. To the contrary, it appears what homosexual activists really want is to destroy the institution of marriage in American. The institution of marriage is the primary policy upon which our moral code is based. If homosexuals can dilute and diminish the meaning of marriage, they will destroy the moral code that they perceive judges their sinful behavior.

**PLEASE HELP TO PROTECT MARRIAGE IN FLORIDA** by asking family and friends to sign the enclosed petition.

**PLEASE HELP** all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. **THANK YOU.**

Sincerely,

*David Caton*

Executive Director

## OUR MISSION SINCE 1987

**is to educate citizens regarding actions they can take to improve our moral environment.**

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**YOUR PRAYERS  
AND GIFTS  
INCREASE OUR  
ABILITY TO  
SUCCEED**

**ONLINE DONATIONS** can be made by going to [floridafamily.org](http://floridafamily.org) and click on the "Give A Donation" button.

**CONTRIBUTION POLICY:** CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND CONFIDENTIAL. Florida Family Association is a non-profit 501C3 tax exempt corporation that is devoted to educating citizens on what they can do to defend, protect and promote traditional, biblical values. Checks may be made payable to Florida Family Association or FFA. Contributions are tax deductible and confidential. Florida Family Association will never sell or give away any contributor's name to anyone else, will never solicit contributions by phone, and will never report a contributor's gift or bequest through a Will or Trust in any publication. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-435-7352. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

# PETITION SUCCESS WILL REQUIRE YOUR HELP

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Collecting 611,000 petitions will require a lot of help.

**Petitions must be filed by December 31, 2005 in order to qualify for the November 2006 General Election Ballot.**

**PLEASE help to make this important petition effort a SUCCESS by setting a personal goal to collect 10, 25, 50, 100 or more petitions. You can easily reach your personal goal by:**

**Sending an email** to people in your email address book asking them to go to [floridamarriage.org](http://floridamarriage.org) to print and sign the petition. Your email should encourage them to help protect marriage in the State of Florida by signing the petition.

**Making copies** to mail to your family, friends and pastors that you know in Florida.

**Asking your church or other pastors that you know** to circulate the petition. The two most popular ways to collect petitions in church are during adult Sunday School classes and before and after services in the church foyer or exits.

**PLEASE CONSIDER collecting or organizing other people to collect petitions at Post Offices, Driver License Offices or other Government Buildings as follows:**

**WHAT TO BRING** You should bring at least two hundred (200) petition forms, two or three clipboards or other device to hold petitions being

signed, two or three pens, drink and food. You may also consider bringing a chair, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, cell phone and other items of comfort.

**WHERE TO STAND** You should stand as close to the building entrance as possible but not blocking traffic or the door.

**HOW TO COLLECT PETITION SIGNATURES** Citizens should be asked to sign the petition as they LEAVE the government building AFTER they have completed their business. People are often in a hurry to complete their task as they enter the building. Citizens will be more receptive to learning about and signing the petition once they have finished their business and are leaving the building.

**WHAT TO SAY** The best method is to approach the exiting citizen and ask "Are you a registered voter?" If they say "No", thank them for their time and look for the next person. If they say "Yes," ask "Would you sign the petition to define marriage as one man and one woman?" or "Would you sign the petition to amend our constitution to protect marriage?" You may want to take two or three clipboards or other holding device to allow you to have more than one person signing a petition at one time.

**ALWAYS** keep the valuable completed petition forms with you or in a safe place. If you have difficulty collecting signatures at the building you have chosen, go to another government building or come back another day. Difficulty may include low volume of people entering the building, an official asks you to collect petitions in an unfavorable location or opponents to the petition effort are asking voters not to sign the petition. Please stay positive and realize this task is necessary and worthwhile.

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**PLEASE HELP OUR EFFORT  
TO BE STRONG BY SENDING  
A GIFT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.**

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## CAMPAIGN AGAINST INTERNET PORN

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The following commendation by Senator Brownback was posted at <http://brownback.senate.gov/>:

### **Senator Brownback Commends Bush Administration Push Against Porn**

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Sam Brownback today praised the announcement of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to appeal the dismissal of federal criminal indictments against a California pornography producer charged with violating federal obscenity laws. The original indictments were dismissed last month by U.S. District Judge Gary Lancaster.

“I commend Attorney General Gonzales’ decision to appeal the Extreme Associates decision,” Brownback said. “The Justice Department’s decision indicates a renewed effort to go after purveyors of pornography, whose products are so damaging to our culture, our families, and our nation. Judge Lancaster’s decision to dismiss the Justice Department’s case was entirely without merit, and a product of judicial activism of the worst sort.”

Brownback encouraged Gonzales in his confirmation hearing to make the prosecution of illegal obscenity a priority. The Senator also co-authored an opinion editorial with Senator Orrin Hatch decrying Judge Lancaster’s decision in the Extreme case.

**The Attorney General needs to continue to receive encouragement from the public urging him to vigorously prosecute porn on the internet. PLEASE ENCOURAGE Alberto Gonzales to take action against internet porn companies that violate the law.**

**E-mail: [AskDOJ@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskDOJ@usdoj.gov)  
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**Or go to [floridafamily.org](http://floridafamily.org) to send an email prepared**

**OUR PAST VICTORIES  
SHOULD ENCOURAGE US  
TO SUCCEED IN  
OUR CURRENT EFFORTS.  
FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

**Stopped Special Rights for Homosexuals from passing** in the 1991 through 1994 Florida Legislative Sessions. No “sexual orientation” amendment to Florida’s Civil Rights Act has been proposed since 1994.

**Influenced EIGHT MAJOR OIL COMPANIES** to prohibit the sale of pornography magazines by independent retailers who sell their brand of gasoline. The restrictions will apply to over 50,000 stores.

**Influenced OVER 2500 COMPANIES to STOP advertising** on pornographic radio and television programs resulting in several shows being removed from the air including MTV’s “Undressed” Comedy Central’s “The Man Show” ABC’s “Ellen” and VH1’s “Girls Gone Wild Uncovered” and “Howard Stern.”

**Influenced over 20,000 stores to STOP selling pornographic magazines** including 7 Eleven, Albertsons, Amoco Split Second, Cumberland Farms, Kash n’ Karry, Lil Champ, Racetrac, Sprint, Starvin Marvin.

**Influenced OVER FORTY cities and counties** to enact laws to restrict sexually oriented businesses or prohibit nude clubs.

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