

# FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## GAINESVILLE CITIZENS CALL FOR REPEAL OF GENDER IDENTITY ORDINANCE

The Citizens for Good Public Policy committee launched a petition drive on May 1st which seeks to repeal the "gender identity" law that was adopted earlier this year by the Gainesville City Council.

The "gender identity" ordinance, which makes it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of a person's perceived "gender identity," has no exemptions for public restrooms, schools or day care centers. This means that a man who perceives that his "gender identity" is female is legally protected to enter any public women's restroom in the City of Gainesville. The ordinance also provides legal protection for transgenders to teach school children one day as a man and another day as a woman. Unfortunately, the ordinance does not attempt to qualify who really is a transgender and who is not. That is left up to the individual to determine what his perceived "gender identity" is that day.

Tampa Police arrested Robert Johnson in February 2008 for hanging out in the women's locker room area

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## SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR SEX SHOPS

Florida Family Association sent out several email alerts during the last six months to ask supporters to send emails urging Sarasota County Commissioners to adopt stronger laws regarding sex shops.

The Sarasota County Commission adopted the strongest possible constitutionally permissible restrictions to

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## 2008 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS WITH DEFEAT OF SPECIAL GAY RIGHTS BILLS

The 2008 Florida Legislative Session ended on May 2nd with bills (S 172 & HB 191) pushing the gay agenda dying in committee.

Florida Senate Bill 172 and Florida House Bill 191 sought to "Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression."

Florida Family Association launched an email campaign on April 8th after Senate Bill 172 was approved by the Florida Senate Commerce Committee. Florida Family Association's email asked supporters to send emails and faxes to the Senators on the Community Affairs Committee, the next committee that was scheduled to consider Senate Bill 172. Response to this email alert was very strong.

Florida Senate Bill 172 died in the Community Affairs Committee. The bill advanced no further. House Bill 191, companion to Senate Bill 172, died in the Committee on Constitution & Civil Law.

A special thanks to every one who sent emails in response to Florida Family Association's email campaigns and the postcards and letters in response to FFA's newsletter regarding this legislation. Your emails, postcards and letters made a difference.

## FLORIDA FAMILY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH

Please see pages 2 and 3 for details.

# THIS IS OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY

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June 2008 marks our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks to your faithful and generous support your Florida Family Association has consistently stayed on the frontline of the cultural divide for TWENTY YEARS.

Florida Family Association has strived over the years to remain consistent in our efforts and dedicated for the long term. Many of our projects have required several years of daily devotion to achieve the desired results. We have tried our best to maintain objectives that are not influenced by popular opinion or apathy.

Florida Family Association has consistently:

Faxed or emailed approximately five thousand letters each year to companies who advertised on irresponsible television and radio shows. FFA has asked thousands of supporters to send emails to hardened advertisers.

Called upon major oil companies and a multitude of major corporations to adopt policy that prohibits the sale of pornographic magazines, videos and DVDs.

Urged federal, state and local legislators to oppose adoption of laws granting special rights for homosexuals.

Encouraged city and county officials to adopt laws to protect citizens from the adverse effects of sexually oriented businesses.

Called upon federal authorities to fight the scourge of smut on the internet.

Challenged numerous other issues which threatened our culture and moral environment.

You are the reason for our continued success in many of the battles we fight. Your prayers, letters, emails and financial support continue to make a difference and that is why we continue to fight the good fight. Thanks to your support we are able to report on page 3 numerous accomplishments that have taken years to achieve.

Please help all of our efforts to continue strong by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. **THANK YOU.**

Sincerely,

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# FFA'S Accomplishments Over Last Twenty Years

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**Some of Florida Family Association's more important accomplishments during the past twenty years include:**

**Stopped Special Rights for Homosexuals from passing** in the 1991 through 2008 Florida Legislative Sessions. FFA has vigorously opposed every bill in the Florida Legislature that sought to add "sexual orientation" as a special class since 1991.

**Influenced OVER 3,000 COMPANIES to STOP advertising on pornographic radio and television programs** resulting in several shows being removed from the air including:

Action—Fox  
Centerfold Babylon - VH1  
Biography Traci Lords – A&E  
Ellen (sitcom) ABC  
Erin Sommer's "Passion Phones" radio  
Girls Gone Wild Uncovered – VH1  
Howard Stern – WB, UPN, CBS television affiliates and FM Florida radio affiliates.  
Hugh Hefner American Playboy – A&E  
Inside the Playboy Mansion – A&E, History  
Jenna Jameson Confessions - VH1  
Playboy's Celebrity Centerfolds – A&E  
Ron & Ron radio show  
The Man Show – Comedy Central, G4TV  
Undressed - MTV  
When Playboy Ruled the World - VH1  
Wild On (over 30 programs) E!

**Influenced 11 MAJOR OIL COMPANIES to prohibit the sale of pornographic magazines** by independent retailers who sell their brand of gasoline. BP-Amoco, Exxon-Mobil, Chevron (formerly Chevron-Texaco),

Citgo, Conoco-Phillips, Hess, Marathon, Murphy and Sunoco have all adopted restrictions in their marketing agreements which prohibit the sale of pornography by independent retailers who sell their brand of gasoline. **The restrictions apply to over 148,000 stores.**

**Influenced over 20,000 stores to STOP selling pornographic magazines** including 7 Eleven, Albertsons, Amoco Split Second, Cumberland Farms, Handy Foods, Kash n' Karry, Lil Champ, Racetrac, Sprint, Starvin Marvin, Texaco Foodmarts and The Pantry.

**Influenced 7 companies to remove the ad copy from over 150 billboards that promoted Café Risque and Café Erotica on Interstate 75 and Interstate 95 respectfully.** FFA influenced the following companies to discontinue placement of the nude clubs' billboards: 3M National, Atlantic Outdoor, Gator Outdoor Advertising, Hancock Outdoor Advertising, Naegle Advertising, Tri-state Outdoor Advertising and Whiteco Metrocom. These were the company names at the time. The remaining billboards are owned by the club or small private property owners.

**Filed three successful complaints with the Federal Communications Commission** regarding Bubba the Love Sponge, Neil Rogers and live Rap concert on CBS radio.

**Influenced OVER FORTY-FIVE cities and counties** to enact laws to restrict sexually oriented businesses or prohibit public nudity.

## SARASOTA COUNTY ADOPTS LAWS

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prohibit full nudity in adult businesses on May 14th. The new law requires employees to cover the breast and pubic region. Additionally, the commissioners adopted new stage requirements to prevent contact between employees and patrons. Several other licensing and operating restrictions were also adopted.

David Caton, Florida Family Association Executive Director, testified before the county commissioners. Approximately thirty employees from the nude club Cheetah Lounge and several adult business lawyers were there in force to oppose the ordinance. Several citizens, including pro-family activist Esther Rachwal, testified in support of the ordinance.

Eleven years ago the Sarasota County Commission adopted more stringent restrictions that required dancers to wear a minimum of a French cut bathing suit. The commission at that time gave Cheetah Lounge, the only full nude club in the county, ten years to comply. For ten years Sarasota County had only one nude club because no new businesses were willing to open knowing they would have to challenge the law. Four years ago the Eleventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals raised issues with similarly strong nudity prohibitions in Manatee County. In order to save Manatee's ordinance, pro-family attorney Scott Bergthold changed the definition of nudity to comply with the most restrictive provisions approved by the United States Supreme Court. Likewise, faced with a similar legal challenge by Cheetah Lounge, the Sarasota County Commission opted to also follow Mr. Bergthold's recommendation to change the definition of nudity to comply with the most restrictive provisions approved by the U. S. Supreme Court.

County Commissioner Nora Patterson said the extra clothing sets a higher community standard. "I don't think it's so bad to ask the ladies to cover up a little bit." For the first time in over fifteen years, Cheetah Lounge's dancers will no longer be fully nude. Additionally, all future clubs will have to follow the new nudity restrictions.

Thanks to every who sent emails. They helped to influence the board to enact some of the most important restrictions.

## GENDER LAW CHALLENGED

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at Lifestyle Fitness and watching women in an undressed state. The "gender identity" ordinance, which is unique to the City of Gainesville, would have provided legal protection to a similar offender in Gainesville.

The petition seeks to amend the City of Gainesville Charter to limit government to protect from discrimination only those categories which are specified in the Florida Civil Rights Act. The Florida Civil Rights Act currently includes the following categories: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. If enough signatures are collected to put the amendment on the ballot and it is approved by the voters, the amendment would repeal the "gender identity" ordinance. Approval by voters would also mean that future categories, such as "anti-lookism," which is being sponsored by Massachusetts State Representative Byron Rushing in the 2008 state legislative session, would be prohibited from inclusion in the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances.

Florida Family Association is working closely with Cain Davis, Chairman of the Citizens for Good Public Policy committee and several other committee leaders to assist with this petition effort. The petition effort has 90 days from May 1st to collect 5,581 petitions. Time is critical.

You must be a registered voter in the City of Gainesville to sign the petition. If you live in the City of Gainesville or know someone who lives in Gainesville please help this important effort to repeal that city's "gender identity" law. To obtain a copy of the petition go online to <http://www.floridafamily.org> Click on the Active Issues link in the left column. Click on the Gainesville link and print the petition. Print as many copies as you would like for family, friends and coworkers. Complete the petition and mail to the address at the bottom of the petition. FFA encourages you to help gather more signatures by asking family, friends, neighbors and members of your faith fellowship to sign the petition, collecting the completed forms from them and mailing to the committee.