

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 62

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Stanislowski, Justice,  
Childers, Griffin, Allen,  
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A Resolution reaffirming support for traditional marriage as expressed in the Oklahoma Constitution and federal law.

WHEREAS, the institution of marriage is the rock upon which our society is built; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Oklahoma expressed their intent to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, with the enactment of Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution in State Question 711, approved by over one million Oklahoma voters on November 2, 2004, over 75% of the number of total votes cast. State Question 711 was referred to the people by the Oklahoma Legislature, after overwhelming approval in the Senate by a vote of 38 to 7; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is one of 44 states which currently prohibit persons of the same gender from marrying, 31 of which have done so in their state constitutions, including the State of North Carolina which this week approved such a constitutional amendment by a 20-point margin; and

WHEREAS, support for traditional marriage was affirmed nationally through the enactment of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, signed into law by President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, while the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes that families take many forms, the institution of marriage itself is sacred and must be upheld in its traditional form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate reaffirms its support for traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as expressed in the provisions of Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution and the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2012.

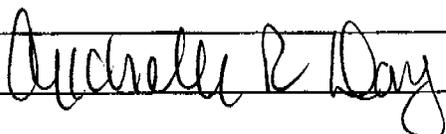
  
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Presiding Officer of the Senate

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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15th day of May, 2012,

at 10:51 o'clock A M.

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