

## **Resolution # 8**

### **Expressing support for traditional marriage and affirming protections from activist federal judges**

Whereas, Republicans have been at the forefront of protecting traditional marriage laws, both in the states and in Congress; and

Whereas, children are our nation's most precious resource; and

Whereas, Republicans recognize the importance of having a mother and father in the home who are married to each other; and

Whereas, a family with a father and mother is the basic unit of society, we oppose initiatives that erode parental rights; and

Whereas, our children's future is best preserved within the traditional understanding of marriage, between one man and one woman, which provides the best environment for stability, discipline, responsibility and character-development of children; and

Whereas, children of a single parent may be more likely to commit a crime, drop out of school, become violent, become teen parents, use illegal drugs, become mired in poverty, or have emotional or behavioral problems; and

Whereas, we salute and support the courageous efforts of single-parent, foster and adoptive families to provide a stable home for their children; and

Whereas, a Republican Congress enacted the Defense of Marriage Act, affirming the right of states not to recognize same-sex "marriages" licensed in other states; and

Whereas, the Democratic Party has now pledged not to support nor enforce and try to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, which would force all states to recognize a redefinition of marriage by a judge without a public vote; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY, that we call for an amendment to the U. S. Constitution that fully protects marriage as a union of one man and one woman, so that activist judges may not redefine this most sacred union.

*By Martha Stokes*