



## MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

*Pray and Vote!*

As you know, on Tuesday, April 5, Kansas voters will have an opportunity to vote on adding the definition of marriage – as a union between one man and one woman – to the Kansas state constitution.

Many of the issues that Concerned Women for America deals with are really spiritual battles, which is why prayer is one of the foundational activities of CWA. The battle over the definition of marriage is no exception to that. Marriage is God's institution. He established it "in the beginning" and He has not changed His mind about that.

A healthy marriage is the best environment to raise children. It is also a picture of the relationship that Jesus Christ has with His bridegroom, the church.

Please, spend time on your knees between now and April 5. **PRAY** that the marriage amendment will pass, and pass with a large margin. **PRAY** that supporters of marriage will show up at the polls. **PRAY** that any plans that the opposition has to defeat the amendment will be thwarted. **PRAY** for God's mercy on our state yet again.

Thanks to all of you who have done so much in the effort to get this amendment passed. We have heard reports from all over the state of people buying ads in their local newspapers, calling their pastors, distributing signs, writing letters to the editor, etc. From the very beginning of this campaign we were convinced that it would take ALL of us doing what we could to get the word out. And you have done that. Thank you.

### Things still to be done

There is a rally for marriage on Sunday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m., Memorial Hall, 600 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, KS. Come if you can. Bring a carload of friends. Make sure that your pastor knows about the rally. Tell your circle of influence about it.

Write letters to the editor for one last push to get accurate information to Kansas citizens. Check out our web site for talking points.

Help "Get out the Vote" efforts. Drive someone to the polls on Tuesday.

Pray.



### TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT:

**"§ 16. Marriage.** (a) The marriage contract is to be considered in law as a civil contract. Marriage shall be constituted by one man and one woman only. All other marriages are declared to be contrary to the public policy of this state and are void.

"(b) No relationship, other than a marriage, shall be recognized by the state as entitling the parties to the rights or incidents of marriage."

### IN ADDITION, YOU WILL SEE THIS ON THE BALLOT:

*"Explanatory statement.* There is currently no constitutional provision regarding marriage. There is a statute, enacted by the legislature, that defines marriage as a civil contract between two persons who are of opposite sex and declares all other marriages to be contrary to public policy and void.

"A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution to incorporate into it the definition of marriage as a civil contract between one man and one woman only and the declaration that any other marriage is contrary to public policy and void. The proposed constitutional amendment also would prohibit the state from recognizing any other legal relationship that would entitle the parties in the relationship to the rights or incidents of marriage.

"A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution, in which case the current statute that defines marriage would remain unchanged but could be amended by future acts of the legislature or modified by judicial interpretation."