

## **RNC Resolution Defending Traditional Marriage**

**WHEREAS**, the institution of marriage is the solid rock upon which our society is built and in which families thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of our country is its children; and it has been proven both historically and scientifically that the most secure and nurturing environment in which to raise healthy well adjusted children is in a home where both mother and father are bound together in a loving traditional marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, an overwhelming majority of states currently prohibit persons of the same gender from marrying, most of which have done so in their state constitutions, including the State of North Carolina which this May 8, 2012 approved such a constitutional amendment by a 20-point margin; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama recently announced his opposition to traditional marriage; 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**, President Barack Obama has directed his own Justice Department to ignore the law and to not defend DOMA; and

**WHEREAS**, while the RNC recognizes that families take many forms, the institution of marriage itself is sacred and its traditional form must be upheld as a national model; a goal to strive for, encourage, and promote; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, THE Republican National Committee affirms its support for traditional marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as expressed in the provisions of the 2008 Republican Party Platform, the 2012 Republican Party Platform draft\*, and the Federal Defense of Marriage Act.

\*draft to be determined prior to passage of this resolution