

# THE WEST VIRGINIA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

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## Liberty Counsel, Pro-Family Attorneys, Endorse the West Virginia Marriage Protection Amendment

Because of the comprehensive and precise wording of the West Virginia Marriage Protection Amendment, renowned Constitutional Attorney Stephen M. Crampton, and several pro-family constitutional attorneys, support the Amendment. In fact, Mr. Crampton, drafted the West Virginia Marriage Protection Amendment language in 2006 while serving as Chief Counsel of the American Family Association Center for Law & Policy in Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Crampton joined Liberty Counsel as Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel in 2007.



Stephen M. Crampton

Crampton has practiced constitutional and civil rights litigation since 1993. He has served as lead counsel in numerous cases, decisions in state and federal district and many of which have resulted in reported appellate courts. In his role as a policy advisor, Crampton has assisted in drafting legislation and advising lawmakers on constitutional issues at both state and national levels.

Mr. Crampton stated, "As Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel of a pro-family constitutional law firm, I support the WV Marriage Protection Amendment. This amendment will serve to protect not only the name of marriage, but it will also protect the rights, privileges and benefits of marriage from counterfeit relationships intended to confer those benefits of marriage upon same-sex couples, too."

### Official Text of the West Virginia Marriage Protection Amendment

*"Only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this state and its political subdivisions. This state and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for same-sex relationships to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities or effects of marriage."*

### Official Endorsements

American Family Association; American Center for Law & Justice; Christian Law Association; Citizens for Community Values; Coral Ridge Ministries; Home School Legal Defense Association; Liberty Counsel; Pacific Justice Institute; Mission America; Thomas More Law Center; and Family Research Institute.