

Civil Unions Bill Dies in Colo., Traditional Marriage Wins in NC

In back-to-back victories in the culture war on traditional marriage, Colorado's civil union bill died in the Colorado House on Tuesday and North Carolina voters decided to uphold the biblical one woman-one man marriage definition.

By a margin of 61 percent to 39 percent, North Carolinians voted to become the 31st state to pass a constitutional ban on **gay marriage**.

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, applauded North Carolina voters for joining voters in 30 other states in upholding the historic and natural definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

"At every opportunity, the American people have demonstrated a deep appreciation for the unique benefits that marriage between a man and a woman brings to families and society," Perkins says. "They recognize that marriage is the only kind of union that results in natural procreation and keeps a mother and father together to raise the children produced by their union."

As Perkins sees it, this overwhelming support for marriage is the reason why **President Obama** and liberal congressional candidates across the country have not expressed open support for same-sex marriage.

"Despite the relentless lawsuits and attempts to marginalize supporters of traditional marriage, a clear majority of the American people have not given up on standing in support of marriage—but instead the evidence suggests they want to see it strengthened and preserved for future generations," says

Perkins.

Brian Raum, senior counsel at the Alliance Defense Fund, also applauded the people of North Carolina who've followed in the footsteps of diverse cultures and faiths, throughout history and across the globe, in upholding marriage as the ideal.

"Once again we see that Americans are married to marriage, the fundamental building block of a healthy, thriving society," Raum says. "The people of North Carolina, like 30 states before them, recognized that marriage should be strengthened and protected from legal attacks."