

10,000 Pro-Marriage Citizens Marched on Washington

More than 10,000 pro-marriage citizens from across the country and from every walk of life marched and rallied Tuesday peacefully in Washington, D.C., rallying at the National Mall and marching to the Supreme Court with two simple messages: "Respect Our Votes!" and "Kids Deserve a Mom and a Dad!"

The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) led a coalition of more than 45 organizations featuring more than 20 speakers, all united in the common purpose of **defending marriage** between one man one woman, while demanding the Supreme Court respect the millions upon millions of Americans who have voted to enact laws protecting marriage in their state constitutions.

"A diverse crowd of more than 10,000 marched today to show that those who protect marriage are on the right side of history," Brian Brown, president of NOM said Tuesday. "The Supreme Court has no right to **redefine marriage** and roll back the efforts of Americans to protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the only social arrangement that gives children the mother and father they deserve.

"The fact that our supporters remained peaceful, kneeling in prayer and singing songs and chants even in the face of verbal attacks and intimidation by our opponents is a testament to the respectful way pro-marriage activists carry themselves, even when harassed," he continued.

"Forget the media hype and confusion, our numbers today show that the American people are strongly pro-marriage and pro-marriage Americans aren't going anywhere," Brown concluded. "This is the beginning of the fight to **protect marriage**. Our opponents know this, which is why they are hoping the Supreme Court will cut short a debate they know they will ultimately

lose if the political process and democracy are allowed to run their course. Those who believe that marriage is the unique and special union of one man and one woman are on the right side of history.”