

# Gay Marriage Blocked in Washington State

Although the gay agenda has made undeniable headway in recent months, complete with President Obama's endorsement of same-sex marriage, the citizens of Washington state aren't putting up with it.

Gay marriage opponents in Washington have successfully blocked a law that would have legalized same-sex marriage this week by submitting a petition for a ballot measure to repeal the statute that Democrat Gov. Chris Gregoire signed into law in February.

Washington United for Marriage and Preserve Marriage Washington both launched petitions. Washington United for Marriage collected more than 241,000 signatures—twice as many as necessary to get on the November ballot. Preserve Marriage Washington also collected more than 240,000 signatures.

According to Joseph Blackholm, chairman of Preserve Marriage Washington, the petition drive was “incredible throughout every corner of the state. Support for Referendum 74 was strong from the beginning, and has grown as the signature drive has advanced.”

Gregoire isn't ready to give up on her work to make Washington the seventh state, along with the District of Columbia, to legalize same-sex marriage. She said, “The state should not be in the business of discriminating against those who request a marriage license, and I believe a majority of Washington voters agree.”