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# COMMISSIONERS' PROCLAIM MARRIAGE WEEK

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – The Board of Commissioners has proclaimed February 7<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> Marriage Week. The proclamation highlights the benefits of a loving marriage on society and on children.

In discussing the proclamation the Commissioners also discussed Senate Bill 241 which was recently proposed in the Maryland General Assembly. Senate Bill 241- *Civil Marriage Protection Act*, if passed, would allow the marriage of any two individuals. This bill would eliminate the current definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

The Commissioners always welcome the input and feedback of all citizens. At the same time, wish to assure the citizens that this proclamation is not an attack on anyone, but rather defense of an institution that has come under attack.

The Commissioners do not seek to disparage others, but strongly disagree with attempts by the Governor to redefine marriage for his own beliefs and purposes.

The Commissioners ask anyone who supports the definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman follow this link and let their State representatives know

<http://act.marylandmarriagealliance.com/> You may use the following link to download a postcard to send to your representative

[http://gallery.mailchimp.com/d8f92252cbf2b90a7b7c64282/files/MMA\\_postcards.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/d8f92252cbf2b90a7b7c64282/files/MMA_postcards.pdf)

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