## PETITION IN SUPPORT OF ROMANIA'S DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE

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Whereas the Alliance of Romania's Families collected over 650,000 signatures on a petition for a defense-of-marriage amendment to the Romanian Constitution

Whereas the Romanian Senate recently passed an amendment to that nation's Family Code defining marriage as the "union freely consented to between a man and a woman"

Whereas the Romanian Chamber of Deputies is expected to take up the measure before its June recess and Romania's president has expressed approval of the amendment

Whereas the bureaucracy of the European Union in the past has attempted to intimidate those member-states defending traditional marriage and the natural family

Whereas Europe is plagued by below-replacement birthrates

Whereas the average birthrate for the EU is 1.5 children per woman, with 2.1 needed to replace current population

And, whereas equating same-sex couples with families can only weaken the natural family – which does society's vital work of procreation and childrearing

Therefore, we the undersigned pro-family leaders, scholars and activists hereby state our unconditional support for Romania's defense of marriage. We applaud the Romanian people for taking this courageous step in defense of a divinely ordained institution which predates governments and on whose health the future of society depends.

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