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Three more American states choose Mom-and-Dad marriage

November 6, 2008 (Ottawa) The Institute of Marriage and Family Canada is pleased to see three more states vote to support marriage as between one man and one woman in their state constitutions, adding momentum to a trend in favour of Mom-and-Dad marriage.

California, Arizona and Florida voted in favour of Mom-and-Dad marriage on November 4. There are now 30 states with marriage amendments.

“This shows a heightened understanding of the research on marriage. Mom-and-Dad marriage is the strongest institution we have for raising children,” says Andrea Mrozek, acting director of the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada. “It’s a growing trend—one that is positive for families,” she says, “because research tells us that family structure matters.”

The New York Times reports those who came out in droves to support President-elect Barack Obama also bolstered the yes vote on Proposition 8 in California, which defines marriage as between one man and one woman.

The IMFC creates, compiles and presents research on marriage with an eye to strengthening it and sees this occasion as an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of strong marriages for children, families and society.

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