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**STATEMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON THE VOTE OF
THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO ADVANCE THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

Today the constitutional rights of the citizens of the Commonwealth have been upheld. The democratic process and the right of the people to have their voices heard were affirmed. We applaud the members of the legislature for fulfilling their responsibilities as representatives of the people who elected them and for living up to their oath of office to support the Constitution. We thank the sixty-two legislators that voted to move the marriage amendment forward for a vote of the people in 2008.

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference is the public policy office of the Roman Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts, representing the Archdiocese of Boston, and the Dioceses of Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester.

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