

The **American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy** (AAMFT) just had its national conference in Atlanta. This is the leading organization of its type in the United States. The government goes to the AAMFT for help making the laws concerning Marriage and Family Therapy, and this is also the organization that licenses Marriage and Family Therapists in the US.

Well, at this recent meeting, the AAMFT has made a unanimous decision and made seven, count 'em, SEVEN declarations:

1. Homosexuality is not a pathology or disease.
2. There is much research to support the fact that same-sex couple relationships are healthy, do last and have permanency.
3. The AAMFT supports same-sex marriages to be decided by each individual state.
4. The AAMFT will not take any position with the United States government on enforcing any kind of a ban or action against same-sex marriages.
5. The AAMFT will set an immediate press release to the public as well as the government on the actions taken by the board here in Atlanta, GA.
6. The AAMFT will not tolerate any discrimination of heterosexism inflicted upon the GLBT (Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered) community.
7. Any therapist member who is known to discriminate a GLBT individual on any of this has the potential to lose their license and membership in the organization.

Now that the AAMFT has taken a brave position against an organized sea of religiously-inspired hatred, of course a lot of negativity is instantly unleashed against the AAMFT. What we need now is your support. Please write to the following address and show your support, because you know that the opposition will go out of its way to do as much harm as possible.

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You do not have to be a therapist or a mental health care professional. Anyone can write, and you all SHOULD write. Thank you.