

Big Victories in 2008

Because of your support, 2008 was a breakthrough year for LGBT Floridians. Just look what we accomplished together.

- **Passed Florida's Safe Schools law** that protects LGBT students from bullying and harassment all across the state.
- **Passed 18 local Domestic Partnership, Safe Schools, and Anti-Discrimination ordinances.** That's one new city or county policy every 3 weeks!
- **Elected 80% of EQFL Action PAC's 30 endorsed candidates** to office including Five new openly-LGBT candidates. Plus we re-elected 100% of our endorsed champions in Tallahassee, including all of those targeted by the far-right.
- **Defeated an amendment that would have created enormous obstacles to overseas adoptions by lesbian and gay Floridians.**



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Defending Our Victories

- **Protect Domestic Partnership Policies:**

The backers of Amendment 2 have already begun working to dismantle the dozens of domestic partnership policies we've passed in Florida. We'll fight them every step of the way to ensure not one single person loses health care or hospital visitation rights because of Amendment 2.

- **Protect Gainesville's LGBT Community:**

Gainesville is under attack from anti-gay and anti-transgender forces fighting to legalize discrimination. If they succeed no community in Florida will be safe, so we're putting all we have into protecting the Gainesville ordinance.

The vote is March 24th, stay tuned...

"I'm proud to be working with Equality Florida and I urge you to raise your voice right now to help us move this vital bill. Please get involved today!"

– Rep. Kelly Skiddmore, lead sponsor of the Florida Anti-Discrimination Bill

Going on the Offensive

- **Changing Florida Laws - We've filed bills to**

- End Florida's shameful ban on Gay and Lesbian Adoption;
- Add Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity to Florida's Civil Rights code
- Provide comprehensive Domestic Partnership benefits to unmarried Floridians

Our state government will be debating these issues March 2nd – May 1st and we will keep you informed all the way through.

- **Pass 10 Local Pro-LGBT Ordinances:**

Our mission is to change state law, but we must continue our winning streak in cities and counties across Florida to make statewide victories possible. In 2009 we've set a goal of passing 10 new domestic partnership, anti-discrimination, and safe schools policies.

- **Support President Obama's Pro-LGBT Agenda:**

For the first time in many years, real change is possible in Washington DC. Florida has a huge and influential congressional delegation which includes several key swing votes. We'll be working hard to ensure they stand with us on banning workplace discrimination, ending don't-ask-don't-tell and much more.

Your Support Makes Everything We Do Possible. Join Today!