

**House Joint Resolution 8 - Introduced**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the State of Iowa relating to marriage.  
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended  
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 26. **Marriage.** In accordance with the laws of nature  
6 and nature's God, the state of Iowa recognizes the definition  
7 of marriage to be the solemnized union between one human  
8 biological male and one human biological female.

9 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed  
10 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred  
11 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general  
12 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be  
13 published as provided by law for three months previous to the  
14 date of that election.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to marriage  
20 specifying "In accordance with the laws of nature and nature's  
21 God, the state of Iowa recognizes the definition of marriage to  
22 be the solemnized union between one human biological male and  
23 one human biological female."

24 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then  
25 referred to the next general assembly (91st) for adoption  
26 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.