

## Crist to FL Gov. Scott: Stop Defending Marriage Ban

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"Four years ago, a district court of appeals ruled Florida's ban on gay and lesbian adoption unconstitutional.

"When the ruling came down, I believed it was my job as Governor to exercise the authority vested in me by the people and our Constitution. The day the judge ruled, I declared Florida's adoption ban over. Gay and lesbian parents began adopting the children they loved immediately.

"It is one of my proudest moments as an elected official.

"Last Thursday Federal District Judge Robert Hinkle gave you the same chance to speak out for what is right when, in a ruling that would apply statewide, he struck down Florida's ban on same sex marriage. By declaring the marriage ban finished you could discourage any future appeals and end the nightmare that loving same sex couples all across our state endure every single day, ending court battles that could drag on for months or years."

-- *Former Florida governor and Republican-turned-Democrat Charlie Crist, in an **open letter** urging Florida's current governor (and homophobe) Rick Scott to stop defending the state's discriminatory marriage ban, which Crist **publicly supported** as governor when it passed in 2008. Crist is running against Scott in this fall's gubernatorial race.*