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## **WISCONSIN FAMILY ACTION REACTS TO US SUPREME COURT DENYING WISCONSIN'S MARRIAGE CASE**

MADISON— Today the U.S. Supreme Court refused to take up Wisconsin's marriage case. This refusal, at least for a while, means marriage has been redefined, over the expressed will of the people, in Wisconsin and ten other states.

Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action, issued the following statement:

“While I am certainly disappointed that the Supreme Court has chosen this path, as it will have the effect of extending the uncertainty that has been the norm since the will of Wisconsin's citizens was circumvented by Judge Barbara Crabb's judicial activism back in June, I can't say that it comes as a complete surprise.

“The truth is no court, by any action or inaction, can redefine marriage. Marriage is not a creature of the state. Federal courts have been arrogantly ignoring this reality. That said, from a legal standpoint, the court taking a pass on these cases means the legal battle for marriage continues in our country.

“Wisconsin's marriage amendment, passed by over one million voters in 2006, is on hold, as a result of the high court's decision today. But with other similar appeals still awaiting resolution in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> circuits, the Supreme Court appears to be waiting for these pending outcomes before they decide to weigh in. Should the Supreme Court ultimately determine that indeed the states, and more importantly, we the people, have the right to determine the definition of marriage in our individual states, then at that time our amendment would again become the law in our state.

“Citizens need to know that this redefining of marriage that the courts have foisted on our state will have repercussions. Conscience and religious freedom rights will move to the center of the debate as the ramifications of this action trickle down to communities and schools. This issue is far from being over.

“In no way does today's denial change what Wisconsin Family Action is doing. We will continue to provide aggressive leadership in our state for strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage between one man and one woman.”

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Wisconsin Family Action is a statewide, not-for-profit organization actively strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and liberty in Wisconsin.