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## **Statewide Pro-Family, Pro-Liberty Organization Again Displays Truth of Christmas in State Capitol** *Sign and nativity display greet visitors*

MADISON— “We love adding a beautiful and hopeful message to Wisconsin’s state capitol each Christmas,” Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action, said. “Being able to declare publicly in the capitol rotunda the truth about Christmas—that God sent His Son to be our Savior—is one of the highlights of our year.”

In the late 1990s, Wisconsin Family Council (WFC), the educational arm of Wisconsin Family Action (WFA), began putting up a *Merry Christmas* sign in the state capitol. It all started when Freedom From Religion Foundation wanted to hang a *Winter Solstice* banner in the rotunda area. When WFC asked for permission to put up a countering banner, the state decided to not allow any banners but did allow for smaller signs. And thus began the annual “battle of the signs.”

“For us it’s really all about the battle of the message. We want people, especially kids, to know the truth about Christmas. We’re pushing 20 years of displaying a sign; but it’s only been in the last couple of years that WFA added the table-top nativity display. And, of course, as soon as we did that, Freedom From Religion put up its blasphemous and profoundly sad idea of a nativity, offering no hope, no light, no truth.” Appling added.



WFA and WFC put the sign and the nativity up in the First Floor Rotunda today where they will be on display all month.

The First Amendment to the US Constitution prohibits government from interfering with religion and guarantees citizens the right to exercise their religion, including celebrating Christmas, both in the privacy of their homes *and* in the public square.

“We’re grateful for the First Amendment that allows us to share with the thousands who will visit our incredible state capitol this holiday season the truth about why we celebrate Christmas. It’s not about the Winter Solstice; it’s about the God Who created the Winter Solstice. It’s not about empty evolution and humanism; it’s about the Creator God Who provided a Savior for desperately needy humans. That’s a message worth sharing.” declared Appling.

Wisconsin Family Action and Wisconsin Family Council wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years!

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