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## **Wisconsin Family Action Statement on US Supreme Court's Ruling on Marriage**

MADISON – This morning the US Supreme Court, on a 5-4 vote, decided that every state must be party to the dismantling of society’s foundational institution. Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action, which has been involved with this issue and this legal process from their inception, issues the following statement regarding the Court’s opinion.

“Yesterday, the US Supreme Court showed us that they were not above legislating from the bench—not above making the law up as they go along. That was on a manmade law. Today, they are tampering not with manmade law, but with an institution that predates all governments, all laws, and all constitutions.

“The Constitution is silent on marriage. Nothing in the governing document requires a nationwide redefinition of marriage. But obviously the Court has decided otherwise, as five of the nine justices have determined that it somehow forces a dramatic redefinition of this ages-old institution that provides for the next generation by keeping children with their mother and father. Essentially the Court has said that children don’t need both a mother and a father and have decided that marriage is about adult desires rather than the good of children. That’s judicial activism at its worst. It’s judicial arrogance, for sure.

“In addition, by the Court’s action, it has summarily dismissed the votes of millions of Americans in 31 states who voted over the last decade to preserve the millennia-old definition of marriage. Obviously, “we the people” is becoming more and more meaningless because with the wave of a judicial wand, our will is obliterated.

“Today’s ruling will have consequences for decades to come—not all of them immediate, but over time, for sure. In this judicial overreach, the Court has increased the likelihood that our government will force Christians and other people of faith to celebrate or participate in same-sex marriages that violate their beliefs.

“Justice Scalia said yesterday in his dissent regarding the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) that the Court was playing favorites with the law and would do anything it had to in order to advance its favorites. Justices Kennedy, Breyer, Ginsburg, Sotomayor and Kagan are showing today the truth of Justice Scalia’s assertion.

“Just as *Roe v. Wade* did not stop the abortion debate, so this decision will not stop the debate on marriage in this state or anywhere else in this country. My hope is that the debate escalates as mothers and fathers talk about this around the dinner table and as pastors and ministry leaders try to help their congregants deal with this momentous decision. For Wisconsin Family Action, we’ll continue to do everything we can to keep the debate going, to promote marriage between one man and one woman and to ensure that in Wisconsin, government never penalizes or discriminates against a citizen or institution because they believe that marriage is the union of a man and a woman.

“Upholding Obamacare is one thing; redefining marriage is an entirely different matter. This Court has hit a new low. What a profoundly sad day for this once-great nation.”

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