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## Wisconsin Family Action Issues Proclamation from Wisconsin Citizens "Rise Up for ALL Wisconsin Youth"

**MADISON** – In response to Governor Evers' "Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Youth Day" proclamation issued last week, Wisconsin Family Action (WFA) is today circulating a proclamation urging all Wisconsin citizens to "Rise Up for ALL Wisconsin Youth."

The proclamation declares the truth about issues such as allowing biological males to participate in girls'/women's sports and surgeries and drug protocols on healthy young bodies in an attempt to deal physiologically with gender confusion, an emotional and mental issue.

WFA president Julaine Appling stated, "All of Wisconsin's youth deserve the opportunity to grow up mentally, physically, and emotionally strong. Governor Evers' proclamation not only singled out just one group, but it also gave very misleading information that can harm our young people rather than help them. This proclamation that we are releasing today is an affirmation of all Wisconsin young people and calls on citizens, faith leaders, and elected officials to engage actively on these issues that impact the future of our state because they directly impact the next generation."

In part, the Proclamation says the following:

Whereas so-called "gender transition" for children and youth violates the first duty of medicine: do no harm; and

Whereas medical procedures and life-long dependency on drugs such as cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers used in "gender transitioning" have long-term, irreversible harm thereby dramatically impacting the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of Wisconsin's youth in both the short and long term; and

**Whereas** surgery and drugs will not heal a hurting heart; a 2014 study found 62.7% of patients diagnosed with gender dysphoria had at least one co-occurring disorder, and 33% were found to have major depressive disorders, which are linked to suicide ideation"; and

Whereas the best studies indicate 80-95% of children with gender dysphoria will come to identify with and embrace their biological sex; and

The full "Rise Up for ALL Wisconsin Youth" proclamation is available **HERE**.

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