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Governor Walker Issues Marriage Week Proclamation

Encourages citizens, churches, businesses, organizations and community leaders to strengthen marriage

Madison— – “It’s encouraging to have Governor Walker formally recognizing the importance of marriage to the men, women and children of our great state,” said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Council. “His 2014 Marriage Week Proclamation is a strong statement about how the governor views marriage and its importance to our state.”

National Marriage Week USA, which takes place February 7-14 each year, is part of an international effort that is beginning to gain momentum around the country as more and more people realize how crucial healthy marriages are to society. Wisconsin joins other states as well as several European Countries and Australia to recognize and promote marriage as a great social and public good for individuals and communities.

Governor Walker’s proclamation states, in part: “...*marriage creates new families, binds men and women together in a network of affection, mutual aid and mutual obligation, commits fathers and mothers to their children... and...a healthy, loving marriage... provides irreplaceable personal happiness and creates the safest place for children to flourish and to enjoy the full emotional, moral, educational and financial benefits of both parents....*”

The benefits of marriage are legion. Social science research has repeatedly shown that married moms and dads raising their children together is the best possible environment for children’s safety and positive physical, mental and emotional development. Married men and women appear to be the greatest wealth-producing entity we have. Marriage benefits all communities economically and reduces the likelihood that women and children will experience poverty.

“The Governor’s proclamation sets Wisconsin apart as a national leader in recognition of marriage as a great good for men, women and children,” notes Appling. “In our work with churches and communities around Wisconsin, we champion marriage as the one institution within our society that consistently provides men, women and children with a better life. It builds strong communities and churches. And it is the cornerstone of the basic economic unit—the family.”

“Governor Walker is correct when he says in his proclamation that the breakdown of marriage takes a great emotional, physical and financial toll on the well-being of the family,” continued Appling, “and it also ‘increases the public cost for human service programs.’ There’s no denying this very real truth that family breakdown is extremely costly in many ways. At a time when all of us are concerned about our personal finances and the economic well-being of our state, promoting marriage is one of the best things the Governor can do.”

To find out more about National Marriage Week visit <http://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/>. [Click here](#) to read Governor Scott Walker’s 2014 Marriage Week Proclamation.

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