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The Family Policy Council of WV Praises Maine Citizens for Rejecting the Redefinition of Marriage

Mainers remind their elected officials who they serve through ‘people’s veto.’

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Family Policy Council of West Virginia (FPCWV) President Jeremy Dys praised the citizens of Maine today for exercising their right to a “People’s Veto” and affirming marriage as one man and one woman.

“Elected officials in Maine were reminded this morning of their duty to protect every citizen’s right to vote on the definition of marriage,” said Dys. “The West Virginia Legislature should learn the lesson from yesterday’s vote in Maine: there is an ongoing, nationwide effort to redefine marriage and there is no legitimate reason *not* to let the people of West Virginia vote on which definition of marriage they will consent to be governed.

“Moreover, West Virginia legislators should remember what Maine legislators should now recognize: it is the job of every legislator to protect the right of every citizen to vote on the definition of marriage.”

The vote in Maine comes after the Maine legislature and Maine’s governor, John Baldacci, enacted legislation that redefined marriage this past legislative session. Despite being grossly outspent by the opponents of marriage, Mainers who support marriage as one man and one woman rejected the legislative redefinition of marriage – garnering 53% of the vote.

During the Summer of 2009, the West Virginia Legislature held hearings as a part of a study to determine whether or not the people of West Virginia should be allowed to vote on the definition of marriage. No recommendation has yet been made.

More information is available on the FPCWV’s project website, www.wv4marriage.com.

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia is a servant organization advocating for policies that embrace the sanctity of human life, enrich marriage, and safeguard religious freedom.

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