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### West Virginia churches to “Stand4Marriage” on March 1

*Hundreds of churches from across West Virginia to address the importance of marriage as the union of one man and one woman*

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** – On Sunday, March 1, thousands of West Virginians will gather in churches across the state to participate in “Stand4Marriage Sunday.” Hundreds of churches throughout West Virginia will address the importance of marriage and reaffirm their commitment to defending and protecting marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

“Same-sex ‘marriage’ is a closer reality in West Virginia than many people think,” said Jeremy Dys, president and general counsel of the Family Policy Council of West Virginia.

“Stand4Marriage Sunday is an opportunity for pastors to articulate the definition of marriage and make congregants aware of the threat the radical homosexual agenda poses to the definition of marriage and religious liberty.”

Participants in “Stand4Marriage Sunday” have been asked to spend time during their morning service to pray for strong marriages in their community, pray for their leaders, and to make the community aware of the importance of defending marriage as the union of one man and one woman by asking the West Virginia Legislature to allow a vote on an amendment to the state constitution that will protect marriage.

“The greatest obstacle to defending marriage against redefinition in West Virginia may just be that there is too much support for marriage in this state,” said Dys. “Believing, as many do, that marriage is safe from redefinition just because this is West Virginia creates the complacency that opponents of marriage depend upon in order to accomplish their agenda.”

Dys said that a marriage amendment is needed because state laws defending marriage as one man and one woman increasingly have come under attack by state and federal courts. He cited the California Supreme Court, which overturned the state’s Defense of Marriage Act that was passed by 61% of the voters in 2000, and the fabrication of same-sex “marriage” by Connecticut and Massachusetts courts. Dys also pointed to the pending Supreme Court decision in Iowa on

marriage and proposed legislation to create same-sex “marriage” in New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and other states as need for a marriage amendment in West Virginia.

“The government should promote and encourage strong families,” said Dys. “The union of a man and a woman has been the fundamental social unit in every society, and strong families are the foundation of strong communities.”

More information about “Stand4Marriage Sunday” is available at [www.wv4marriage.com](http://www.wv4marriage.com) or by calling 304-982-2803.

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