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Governor Evers Gives Special Recognition to LGBT Community Over All Other Citizens

MADISON, WI – In a flagrant abuse of gubernatorial power, Governor Tony Evers today issued an Executive Order and proclamation authorizing the Rainbow Pride Flag to be flown over the state capitol from June 7 through June 30, 2019. The order further authorizes any state buildings and any jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin to also fly this flag throughout this month.

Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling issued the following statement regarding the Order and action.

"By ordering this flag to fly over the state capitol, Governor Evers is proclaiming one group of Wisconsin citizens as preferred over others. He may have the authority as governor to make this decision; but in our opinion, he made a blatantly bad decision. Would the Governor authorize the Christian flag to be flown over the capitol or a Nazi flag or any number of other flags representing all sorts of Wisconsin citizens and their beliefs?

"In his Order and proclamation, the Governor talks about this flag being a symbol that Wisconsin is 'a welcoming and inclusive place.' But his actions belie that. He wrongly says, 'the people of Wisconsin have made critical steps toward LGBT equality.' The people of this state have had precisely one opportunity to weigh in on this issue, and that was in November 2006, when nearly 60% of the voters openly and loudly said they wanted marriage in this state to remain exclusively between one man and one woman. We the people of Wisconsin did not change that amendment. Unelected federal judges did that, trouncing on the express will of the people of Wisconsin.

"The state capitol is a place representing all Wisconsin citizens. Singling out one group that has inordinate political power is wrong and is disrespectful to, at a minimum, those who take exception to the LGBT agenda.

"This is a governor who is apparently bought and paid for by extreme groups such as Planned Parenthood and the so-called 'equality' groups. In the last few weeks the Governor has said he will veto pro-life bills, including one that requires medical personnel to treat a baby who has survived an abortion just as they would any baby born alive. Now he is authorizing flying over the state capitol, the 'equality' groups' Rainbow Pride Flag, a flag that does not represent the vast majority of Wisconsin citizens. Wisconsin citizens deserve better from their governor."

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Wisconsin Family Action is a statewide organization engaged in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and liberty in Wisconsin.