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## **CWA of Pennsylvania Stands in Support of Marriage Protection Amendment**

Harrisburg, PA—Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Pennsylvania stands together with PA4Marriage and over 80 members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate in support of the Marriage Protection Amendment. Traditional marriage, a union between one man and one woman exists in virtually every known human society as not only a private emotional relationship but a social good.

Marriage is the ideal nurturing environment for rearing children to become tomorrow's responsible citizens. No evidence over centuries of time has proven otherwise. In fact to the contrary, marriage increases the likelihood that children have good relationships with their fathers, one of the strongest predictors of success for children. Additionally, marriage enhances the possibility that children will graduate from college, achieve high-status jobs and live productive lives.

Nationwide over 50 percent of marriages today end in divorce. We understand the "ideal" does not always happen but when you lose sight of the "ideal" by compromise with a counterfeit the chance of obtaining the "ideal" for children diminishes. Marriage is an essential institution with a well documented broad array of positive outcomes for both children and adults. Married couples build more wealth and enhance economic stability within communities. Marriage is associated with better physical health, lower injury rates and longer life expectancies for both adults and children.

"We know that marriage will be defined here in Pennsylvania within the next two years either through the peoples' voice raised in support of the Marriage Protection Amendment or the opinion rendered by a few black robed judges," states Nancy Staible, state director of CWA. "CWA of PA supports government of, by and for the people. We are here to protect traditional marriage and accept no counterfeit or compromise," concludes Mrs. Staible.

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