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New Group of Minnesota Citizens Stand Strong in Defense of Marriage

St. Paul, Minnesota (April 7, 2004) -- Today a non-partisan grassroots group of Minnesota citizens announced plans to encourage State DFL Senators to support a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman". The group is called "Minnesota Citizens in Defense of Marriage". Its mission is to encourage Minnesota Senators to let the voters decide whether the Minnesota State Constitution should define marriage as "the union between one man and one woman".

Minnesota Citizens in Defense of Marriage has announced an Internet-based, grass-roots petition drive to gauge citizen support for the "Defense of Marriage" constitutional amendment (which would constitutionally define marriage as between one man and one woman), enable voters to directly contact their legislators and to sign petitions publicly declaring an intent to financially support candidates who support letting the people decide this issue.

The group has also organized two unique petition drives: "35 for 35" and "Multitudes for Marriage". The "35 for 35" Petition seeks the signatures of 35 citizens who will publicly declare an intention to contribute \$250 directly to 35 Senate candidates who support the Defense of Marriage Amendment (at \$250 per candidate, such contributions would total \$8,750 per contributor). Citizens who sign the "Multitudes for Marriage" petition can show their support by declaring an intention to contribute as little as \$5 directly to candidates who support the Defense of Marriage Amendment.

Minnesota Citizens in Defense of Marriage is a volunteer-run, grass-roots organization that does not itself make contributions directly to candidates or conduct independent expenditures. The organization is not controlled by or associated with any candidate or campaign committee. The ballot question is described by founder Jeff Davis as "an outlet through which voters can encourage Minnesota's State Senate to let the people decide."

"In the 5 days since we began contacting people, we have already obtained 7 commitments on our '35 for 35' petition", says Jeff Davis, the group's founder. "We expect the level of interest to increase significantly over the next few days as people become aware of our efforts. Most Minnesotans believe in protecting the traditional definition of marriage, as evidenced by the Star Tribune poll of April 6, 2004. But it appears our DFL Senators are not listening. We have heard rumors that they are blocking e-mails on this topic and allowing their voicemail boxes to remain full in order to stem the flood of communications they are receiving from their constituents on this issue. We are intent on sending a clear message to these DFL Senators -- support this Amendment or prepare to be voted out of office in 2006".

The group has established a website www.mnmarriage.com that provides background on the issue, encourages people to take action and provides petition signature forms.

Exhibit E

35 for 35 Petition Form

Supporting a Minnesota Defense of Marriage Amendment

- ☐ Yes, I support letting the voters decide on whether to approve a Minnesota Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman, with no other relationship being recognized as marriage or its legal equivalent".

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

In the event the Minnesota Senate fails to pass a Constitutional Amendment bill defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman, with no other relationship being recognized as marriage or its legal equivalent". by May 17, 2004, then --

I intend to financially support the campaigns of up to 35 Senate candidates who will run in opposition to the incumbent DFL Senators during the 2006 Minnesota Senate election.

I intend to contribute \$250 per candidate (a total of \$8,750 for 35 candidates), directly payable to the candidates' campaign committees, provided the candidate publicly supports this definition of marriage.

May we include your name on our publicly available list of individuals that have indicated their support?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please fax a signed copy of this form to (501) 647-7108
Thank you for helping to defend marriage*

www.mnmarriage.com

This form does not constitute a binding contract and is not authorized or approved by any candidate or candidate's committee. I understand that Minnesota Citizens in Defense of Marriage does not collect, deliver or otherwise facilitate campaign contributions to any political candidates.

Multitudes for Marriage Petition Form

Supporting a Minnesota Defense of Marriage Amendment

- ☐ Yes, I support letting the voters decide on whether to approve a Minnesota Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman, with no other relationship being recognized as marriage or its legal equivalent".

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

email: _____

In the event the Minnesota Senate fails to pass a Constitutional Amendment bill defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman, with no other relationship being recognized as marriage or its legal equivalent" by May 17, 2004, then --

I intend to financially support the campaigns of up to 35 Senate candidates who will run in opposition to the incumbent DFL Senators during the 2006 Minnesota Senate election, provided these candidates publicly support this definition of marriage within their platform. I intend to contribute (check one)

☐ \$5 per candidate, for a total of \$175

☐ \$50 per candidate, for a total of \$1750

☐ \$10 per candidate, for a total of \$350

☐ \$100 per candidate, for a total of \$3500

☐ \$20 per candidate, for a total of \$700

May we include your name on our publicly available list of individuals that have indicated their support?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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