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## **Mayday for Marriage Rally Announced**

OLYMPIA – Thousands are expected to rally in Olympia on March 8<sup>th</sup> in support of authentic marriage, according to Joseph Fuiten, President of Washington Evangelicals for Responsible Government (WERG) and rally organizer. The event is scheduled to precede the Supreme Court hearing on overturning the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). If DOMA is overturned the court would presumably impose same-sex marriage in Washington State.

“The rally has three messages for the Legislature and the Courts: marriage by definition is between a man and a woman; it is the birthright of every child to be raised in a healthy family by the child’s mother and father; and if the courts strike down the current legal definition of marriage, it will improperly usurp the role of the legislature,” Fuiten said.

The rally, called the March 8<sup>th</sup> Mayday for Marriage Rally, seeks to educate legislators and citizens about the importance of authentic marriage. Previous Mayday rallies included 20,000 at Safeco Field on May 1, 2004, in what was considered the largest political rally in Washington State. In October of last year, 250,000 gathered in Washington DC in support of authentic marriage.

The March 8<sup>th</sup> Mayday for Marriage Rally is being organized by WERG, an 11-year-old political lobbying organization representing biblical and moral values in Washington State. The organization has launched a major effort to contact and mobilize social conservatives, like-minded churches, and people who support traditional marriage.

“We are organizing to keep a small but vocal minority of radicals from imposing their vision of homosexual marriage upon an unwilling society. Even though the efforts began with Evangelicals, it quickly included a much wider aggregation of secular and religious voices,” he said.

WERG has organized a direct mail and radio campaign to let people know of the rally.