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Statement from Scott Walker: Marriage is to be Between One Man and One Woman

Many years ago, I concluded that we must change the Wisconsin State Constitution to say that marriage is to be between one man and one woman. My belief in this position is even stronger today.

The Wisconsin State Legislature is currently deliberating this issue, and I strongly urge them to pass the constitutional amendment defining a marriage as a commitment between one man and one woman. Then, it will be up to the voters to say what defines a marriage in Wisconsin.

Amending our constitution requires the legislature to consider the change twice, and most importantly requires a vote of the people of Wisconsin. Constitutional amendments are not to be taken lightly and they require serious contemplation and discussion.

Current law in Wisconsin already defines marriage as between a husband and a wife. Because the courts in other states have broaden the definition of marriage, the constitutional amendment makes it clear that the only marriages recognized in Wisconsin are between one man and one woman.

State law in Wisconsin also prohibits marriage if either person has a living husband or wife or if the people attempting to get married are related or if either party is under a particular age. In other words, state law already regulates who can and who cannot get married in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's values are my values, and I look forward to leading our great state in the right direction.

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