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National Organization for Marriage Demands Minnesotans Be Allowed to Vote on Marriage

Let The People Vote: Marriage Issue Takes Center Stage in New Advertising Campaign

(Washington, D.C.) – The [National Organization for Marriage](http://www.nom.org) (NOM) today began a \$200,000 statewide television campaign to inform Minnesotans of the attempt by special interest groups to redefine marriage in Minnesota, and called on elected officials to let the people vote on this critical issue.

“NOM sees Minnesota as the next key battleground state in the fight to preserve marriage in America,” said Brian Brown, NOM’s president. “Many Minnesotans are unaware that special interest groups are working to convince activist judges and DFL lawmakers to redefine marriage in the state. A lawsuit was recently filed asking the courts to redefine marriage, and six bills were introduced in the legislature this year to do the same thing. One prominent state Senator, John Marty, has said it is his goal to redefine marriage as soon as possible, as early as next year when the legislature reconvenes.”

NOM is the nation’s leading advocacy organization protecting marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The group has been active in marriage debates in numerous states, including helping secure the passage of Proposition 8 in California in 2008 and Question 1 in Maine last year. NOM also helped defeat homosexual marriage proposals in New Jersey and New York last year, and is battling for the right of District of Columbia voters to overturn gay marriage in the nation’s capitol.

“Many Minnesotans don’t realize the extent to which homosexual marriage activists are working to redefine marriage between a man and a woman out of existence,” said Tom Prichard, president of the Minnesota Family Council. “We welcome NOM to Minnesota and appreciate their efforts to inform Minnesotans on the serious threat to marriage in our state. Marriage bonds mothers and fathers to one another and children to their parents. The well-being of society is at stake when the institution of marriage is attacked.”

“Thirty one states have already voted to define marriage as being a man and a woman. It’s time that Minnesotans have that same right,” Brown said.

The television advertisement may be viewed at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lb_oXcztDQo.

To schedule an interview with Brian Brown, President of the National Organization for Marriage, or Tom Prichard, President of the Minnesota Family Council, please contact Elizabeth Ray, eray@crpublicrelations.com, (x130) or Mary Beth Hutchins, mhutchins@crpublicrelations.com, (x105) at 703-683-5004.

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