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Pro-Family, Pro-Liberty Organizations Share Christmas Message in State Capitol

"Merry Christmas" sign and nativity set greet visitors this season

MADISON—Continuing its 23-year tradition, Wisconsin Family Council (WFC), the educational arm of Wisconsin Family Action (WFA), is once again displaying a *Merry Christmas* sign in the State Capitol Rotunda. The sign wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and reminds visitors of the real reason for the season—that Jesus Christ was born to become mankind's Savior.



Wisconsin Family Action has placed an accompanying nativity display, a tradition begun several years ago.

"Celebrating Christ's birth is a Christian celebration, an American holiday and a Wisconsin tradition," said Julaine Appling, president of WFA and WFC. "It is altogether fitting for us to share the message of Christmas with our fellow Wisconsin citizens through this public display."

The First Amendment of the US Constitution prohibits government from interfering with religion and guarantees citizens the right to exercise their religion, including celebrating but in the public square as well.

Appling continued, "During the holiday season, people come to our incredible capitol from all across the state and beyond. While here they enjoy the beautiful state Christmas tree, decorated this year with handmade ornaments around the theme of 'Wisconsin: America's Dairyland,' and the gorgeous tree adorning the Governor's Conference Room. We are honored to add to their enjoyment as we exercise our religious freedom with our display in the rotunda as a silent but powerful witness to the truth of Christmas and to offer hope to all who see it."

The sign and the nativity will be on display on the First Floor Rotunda from today through December 31, 2017.

Merry Christmas to all!

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