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**CWA OF WASHINGTON SUPPORTS  
SUPREME COURT RULING ON MARRIAGE**

Concerned Women for America of Washington supports the decision announced Wednesday by Washington State's Supreme Court that affirms the Defense of Marriage Act passed by the legislature in 1998.

CWA of Washington State Director Maureen Richardson commented, "This is a fair and just decision which upholds the importance of the union of one man and one woman through marriage. It also supports the concept that all citizens have equal right to marry one person of the opposite gender. This is a time-honored tradition recognized by all major religions as the foundation of society, with the original purpose to create and protect the family unit."

By issuing this decision, the Supreme Court has heard what has been recently affirmed by the state's citizens and confirmed by forty-five other states. CWA's National Office in Washington D.C. filed an *amicus* brief in this case supporting traditional marriage and the crucial role it plays in our nation.

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