



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **FAMILY COUNCIL: JUDGE PIAZZA'S DECISION ON ACT 1 "JUDICIAL TYRANNY"**

Today, Pulaski County Circuit Court Judge Chris Piazza declared that Initiated Act 1—the Arkansas Adoption and Foster Care Act—violates the Arkansas Constitution and struck it down. Act 1 protected the welfare of children in Arkansas' adoption and foster care system by ensuring that they wouldn't be placed in homes with unmarried couples.

Family Council President Jerry Cox said: "Today's ruling by Judge Piazza is a classic example of judicial tyranny. It is a sad day when one judge in Little Rock chooses to overrule the will of the people of Arkansas. Act 1 was passed with 57% of the vote in a fair election. We teach our children in school that we have government by the people—apparently, not in this case."

"Act 1 protects the welfare of children. The people of Arkansas recognized this and they passed it. Today's ruling by Judge Piazza hurts children and it puts their welfare in jeopardy," Cox said.

Cox continued by saying that the battle over Act 1 isn't over. "We have decided to appeal this case. From the beginning, we have been prepared to take this fight all the way to the Arkansas Supreme Court. Now we are ready to do so."

*The Family Council is a conservative education and research organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas.*

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