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Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally Today on the Capitol Steps

Today, hundreds of Arkansans will rally on the steps of the State Capitol at noon to celebrate religious freedom and hear from local religious, community, and political leaders. June 8 has been designated as the date for concerned citizens in cities across the country to gather as part of this nationwide effort.

"We are excited that this nationwide effort made its way to Arkansas," said Family Council President Jerry Cox. "We believe that it's time for people of faith to proclaim in one voice that religious freedom is the bedrock of American society, and no government has the right to infringe upon this sacred liberty."

State Senator Missy Irvin of Mountain Home will serve as the master of ceremonies, while a dynamic slate of speakers will discuss religious freedom and its importance from multiple perspectives.

The rally's speakers are:

- Most Rev. Anthony Taylor, Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Little Rock
- Mark Evans, Senior Pastor, The Church at Rock Creek
- Beth Ann Rankin, CEO, Beth Anne Productions, Inc.
- Jerry Cox, President, Family Council

Cox said, "Those who choose to join us at the Capitol are in for a real treat. More than just talking about the negative things going on—such as the federal government's unjust mandate on religious institutions—the aim of each speaker is to inform, encourage, and recommend actionable steps to make a difference. This rally is about standing up for religious freedom before it's too late."

For more information, visit the Little Rock rally's website at www.June8LittleRock.com. For the movement's national website, visit www.StandUpForReligiousFreedom.com.

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