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## Wisconsin Once Again Leads Nation in Abortion Decline

### *Wisconsin Abortion Ratio One of Lowest in Nation*

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“Wisconsin abortion numbers declined again in 2008 for the fifth straight year,” stated Barbara Lyons, Executive Director of Wisconsin Right to Life. “Although the percent drop was less than 1% in 2008, any drop is significant following the 14% decrease in 2007 fueled by the closing of two abortion clinics for seven months in that year. Those two clinics, in Appleton and Milwaukee, were open for the entire year of 2008.”

The report issued by the Department of Health Services documents 8,267 abortions in 2007 followed by 8,229 abortions in 2008. The abortion ratio, the number of abortions per 100 live births, remained at 11.

“The abortion ratio is a key indicator because it reveals how many pregnant women abort or have their babies. Wisconsin’s abortion ratio is 11 compared to the national ratio of 24. This makes Wisconsin a national leader in numbers of women who have their babies,” stated Lyons.

“Fueling the decline are the young people known as the millennials (ages 17-29). Numerous studies by groups who favor and oppose abortion indicate that the millennials are far more pro-life than their predecessors in Generation X. Since the millennials are now of the age when most abortions are performed (ages 18-34) we can expect to see further abortion declines as the millennials assert their values to allow a child to reach his/her potential. The Wisconsin Right to Life television campaign aired under the name of the Veritas Society has reached millions in their homes for the past 14 years and has contributed significantly to the Wisconsin abortion decline,” continued Lyons.

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