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DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds and Republican leaders released the following statements in response to the Iowa Supreme Court ordering the district court to dissolve the injunction on Iowa's Fetal Heartbeat Law:

#### Gov. Kim Reynolds:

"There is no right more sacred than life, and nothing more worthy of our strongest defense than the innocent unborn. Iowa voters have spoken clearly through their elected representatives, both in 2018 when the original heartbeat bill was passed and signed into law, and again in 2023 when it passed by an even larger margin. I'm glad that the Iowa Supreme Court has upheld the will of the people of Iowa.

"As the heartbeat bill finally becomes law, we are deeply committed to supporting women in planning for motherhood, and promoting fatherhood and its importance in parenting. We will continue to develop policies that encourage strong families, which includes promoting adoption and protecting in vitro fertilization (IVF). Families are the cornerstone of society, and it's what will keep the foundation of our state and country strong for generations to come."

#### Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver:

"Today's decision marks a step in the right direction for the protection of life. While litigation continues, I appreciate the clarity the Supreme Court has provided on this issue. I am optimistic the common-sense law passed again last year to protect life at the sound of a heartbeat with exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother will be found constitutional."

#### House Speaker Pat Grassley:

"This ruling is a victory in the fight to protect unborn children in Iowa. The Legislature is elected by the people, and for too long, the courts have stood in the way of Iowans having their voices heard on this matter.

"We are a pro-life and pro-family state. In Iowa, we respect both the life of the unborn child and the life of the mother. While out-of-touch, far-left political groups fight for abortion up until the day of birth, we will continue to fight for common sense policies that promote and protect life.

"We will continue to promote strong families in all that we do in the Iowa House. We must build on the work we've already done to expand access to affordable child care, extend postpartum coverage on Medicaid, and improve our foster care and adoption systems."

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