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Murphy Statement on Supreme Court Stay at Home Ruling

MADISON, WI — Today, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court made its ruling in *Wisconsin Legislature v. Andrea Palm*, declaring Emergency Order 28 unenforceable.

State Representative Dave Murphy (R–Greenville) issued the following statement:

“Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in favor of shared powers among the branches of government, something every student learns about in school. The Court confirmed that the governor’s administration overstepped its powers when it failed to cooperate with the legislature to address this public health emergency.

“We’ve all learned a great deal about how to be safe and protect ourselves during a pandemic. Effective public health action requires cooperation, reliance on hard data, and involvement of people on the front lines. Going forward, I’m reassured that our governor now knows that he must involve those outside his inner circle in the decisions that have serious repercussions for every Wisconsinite.

“Folks still need to take personal responsibility for their safety. I’m confident people can make the right decisions about the health and safety of themselves, their loved ones, and their place of work.

“This decision is a huge step in taking us back to where we were before the economic shutdown. Instead of forcing us into a “new normal,” this ruling allows us to return to the freedoms and individual responsibility that Americans normally enjoy.

“There is a great deal of work left to undo the damage done. As always, I am dedicated to working with the people of the Fox Valley, the governor, and anyone else who is willing to do the necessary heavy lifting to get Wisconsin working again.”

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