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PRO-LIFE SUCCESSES CONTINUE IN WEST VIRGINIA IN HISTORIC ELECTION

It was truly an historic election as Donald Trump did the impossible in an upset victory over extreme pro-abortion candidate Hillary Clinton. Many pro-life victories occurred here in West Virginia. All three congressional incumbents retained their seats. In the 1st Congressional District, David McKinley defeated his opponent by a margin of 69-31%. Alex Mooney won in the 2nd Congressional District by 39,602 votes and in the 3rd Congressional District, Evan Jenkins won a second term by 45 percentage points. This completed a pro-life sweep of the entire slate of federal candidates, all of whom were endorsed by West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC).

In the six statewide races, the WVL-PAC enjoyed an 83% success rate. Patrick Morrissey won re-election to the Attorney General office ensuring that pro-life legislation will be defended if challenged. Mac Warner upset pro-abortion incumbent Natalie Tennant for Secretary of State. John McCuskey will be the new State Auditor.

Of the 18 Senate races in which endorsements were made, 13 were winners. This means that 25 out of 34 senators support pro-life policies, seven of whom are freshmen.

WVL-PAC can report a 73% winning percentage in the House of Delegates. Seventy-two of the 99 pro-life candidates endorsed, won their races. Of the 27 WVL-PAC losses, at least eight winners are also pro-life. Eighty of the 100 members of the State House will be pro-life as the next legislative session begins in February 2017.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., PAC president, had this to say: "WVL-PAC is non-partisan and works to support pro-life candidates from both parties. The overwhelming pro-life successes in this election are, in part, due to voters' desire to elect legislators at both the federal and state levels, who reflect their values regarding the dignity of each human life. West Virginians for Life looks forward to seeing increased support for pro-life legislation in next year's West Virginia legislative session."

West Virginians for Life, the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, is the state's largest pro-life group with more than 35 local pro-life chapters. West Virginians for Life works through education, legislation and political action to protect those threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

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