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## **PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES SCORE BIG IN WEST VIRGINIA**

Though no one knows yet who the next US President will be, West Virginia, not surprisingly, gave all five of its electoral votes to Donald Trump on November 3. With 70% of the vote, Shelley Moore Capito won another US Senate 6-year term. All three congressional incumbents retained their seats. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, David McKinley defeated his opponent by a margin of 69-31%. Alex Mooney won in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District by 70,521 votes and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Carol Miller won a second term by 42 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 a 100% success rate. Governor Jim Justice won with 65% of the vote. Patrick Morrisey won re-election to the Attorney General office ensuring that pro-life legislation will be defended if challenged. Mac Warner, for the second time, beat pro-abortion Natalie Tennant for Secretary of State. John McCuskey will continue as State Auditor. Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt will remain in that role. The biggest surprise of the Board of Public Works races was that of Riley Moore. The first Republican to win the seat of State Treasurer in 92 years, Moore defeated long-time incumbent John Perdue by a margin of 56-44%.

Of the 16 Senate races in which endorsements were made, 14 were winners. Twenty-five of 34 senators support pro-life policies. The net gain of pro-life senators is +2.

WVL-PAC can report an 82% winning percentage in the House of Delegates. Of the 17 WVL-PAC losses, at least two winners are also pro-life. Seventy-eight of the 100 members of the State House will be pro-life as the next legislative session begins in February 2021. The House will enjoy a net gain of +6 pro-life seats.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., PAC president, had this to say: "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, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.*

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