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## **PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES FARE WELL IN WV PRIMARY**

The West Virginians for Life Political Action Committee (WVL-PAC) endorsed in 114 races in the May 14 West Virginia primary. Of the 114 races where the WVL-PAC made endorsements, there were 99 victories (87%). In the 15 cases where the WVL-PAC-endorsed candidates did not prove to be successful, at least seven winners returned pro-life surveys.

To no one's surprise, Donald Trump is the presidential nominee coming in at 88%. Jim Justice won the U.S. Senate race by a 61% to 27% margin, which was true to polling. Incumbent U.S. Representative-1<sup>st</sup> District Carol Miller won her reelection bid 63% to 37%. Riley Moore is the nominee in the fall for U.S. Representative-2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Continuing a "changing of the guard" in the Board of Public Works, Governor nominee Patrick Morrisey will go up against pro-abortion Democrat Steve Williams in the November 5 general election. JB McCuskey won the Attorney General nomination race by 20 percentage points. The Secretary of State nominee is Kris Warner, whose nearest challenger was beaten by 50,000 votes. Pro-life Mark Hunt is the Auditor nominee. Uncontested candidate Larry Pack is the State Treasurer-elect and incumbent Kent Leonhardt moves on to defend his role as Agriculture Commissioner in November.

With the election of Supreme Court Division 1 winner Haley Bunn and Division 2 winner Charles Trump, the SCOWV make-up will change from 3-2 to 4-1 in favor of families. WVL-PAC endorsed Elgine McArdle lost in her bid for Intermediate Court of Appeals to S. Ryan White.

Pro-life Senate President Craig Blair lost the Republican nomination to pro-life challenger Tom Willis in the 11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District. "Senate President Craig Blair was instrumental in the passing of numerous pieces of pro-life legislation over his years in office," said WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton. "Many lives have been saved because of his steadfast commitment to the unborn. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Some highlights of the evening included two victories. One was pro-life challenger Chris Rose (61%) defeating incumbent Mike Maroney (39%) in Senate District 2. The other was Stanley Adkins in House District 49 defeating incumbent Heather Tully.

The following quote can be attributed to Wanda Franz, Ph.D., president of West Virginians for Life PAC: "The PAC works to support pro-life candidates from both parties. The overwhelming pro-life successes in this election are, in part, due to voters' desires 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 candidates in the general election in November."

*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 25 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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