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## - PRESS RELEASE -FINAL TALLY SHOWS STATEWIDE TURNOUT OF 77 PERCENT IN 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

## OVERALL NUMBER OF VOTERS HIGHEST EVER

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill officially certified the results of the November 8 General Election for Presidential electors and the offices of United States Senator, Representatives in Congress and Connecticut General Assembly. The final figures reveal that 1,675,955 people cast a ballot out of an all-time high 2,178,169 registered voters, amounting to just under 77 percent turnout.

Secretary Merrill said, "The total of 1,675,955 voters is unprecedented. That shows that election modernization is working. Hundreds of thousands of people registered to vote online and tens of thousands more took advantage of Election Day Registration and the streamlined motor-voter system, which enables citizens to register while applying for a driver's license. Local officials did an amazing job adapting to these changes and helping people cast a ballot. We need to continue looking for conveniences to offer Connecticut's voters but this shows we are headed in the right direction."

Democrats Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine won the Presidential vote in Connecticut; Democrat Richard Blumenthal was reelected to represent Connecticut in the United States Senate. Democrats John Larson (CT-1), Joe Courtney (CT-2), Rosa DeLauro (CT-3), Jim Himes (CT-4) and Elizabeth Esty (CT-5) were also elected to the 115th Congress of the United States. In the Connecticut General Assembly, Democratic candidates were elected to 79 seats in the state House of Representatives and 18 seats in the state Senate. Republican candidates were elected to 72 seats in the House of Representatives and 18 seats in the state Senate.

A full Statement of the Vote including final vote tallies for candidates for President of the United States, U.S. Senator, Members of Congress, General Assembly, and Registrars of Voters by town, county, Congressional District and Legislative District will be published by the beginning of the General Assembly's 2017 legislative session in January.

State law requires that the Secretary of the State, along with the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller, must "declare what persons are elected" on the last Wednesday of the month of the election.

Overall turnout by year (according to the <u>Statement of the Vote</u>)

- **2016**: 1,675,955 (76.94 percent)
- **2012**: 1,560,640 (73.89 percent)
- **2008**: 1,644,845 (78.14 percent)
- **2004**: 1,607,808 (78.65 percent)
- **2000**: 1,474,103 (77.54 percent)
- **1996**: 1,410,746 (74.99 percent)
- **1992**: 1,645,609 (83.9 percent)
- **1988**: 1,461,962 (81.4 percent)
- **1984**: 1,490,946 (82.4 percent)
- **1980**: 1,423,403 (82.8 percent)

Top 10 municipalities in CT for Voter Turnout in 2016 (as a percentage of registered voters):

- 1. Somers 94.55
- 2. Harwinton 90.75
- 3. Pomfret 90.65
- 4. Lyme 90.38
- 5. Cornwall 90.13
- 6. Franklin 88.87
- 7. Sprague 88.77
- 8. Bethlehem 88.13
- 9. Andover 87.99
- 10. Bolton 87.73

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