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SECRETARY MERRILL CERTIFIES 2012 ELECTION RESULTS; RELEASES STATEWIDE VOTER TURNOUT FIGURE OF 74% OF REGISTERED VOTERS

SECRETARY OF THE STATE BRINGS FINAL CLOSURE TO 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; TURNOUT FIGURE SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN 2008 FIGURE BUT CONNECTICUT RANKS 7TH IN THE NATION FOR VOTER TURNOUT

Hartford: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today officially certified the results of the 2012 General Election on November 6th for Presidential electors and the offices of United States Senator, Representative in Congress, and Connecticut General Assembly. According to Connecticut General Statute 9-315, the Secretary of the State, together with the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller, must "declare what persons are elected" on the last Wednesday of the month of election. A complete list of those election results is attached to this news release. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that the 2012 general election saw a participation in the form of turnout by nearly 74% of registered voters in Connecticut(73.77%). The figure is slightly lower than the 2008 presidential election turnout figure of 78.14% in the state, but places Connecticut at 7th highest state in the nation for voter turnout among registered voters in 2012.

"Despite the challenges we faced following Hurricane Sandy, Connecticut voters came to the polls with a very strong turnout on Election Day," said Secretary Merrill. "By certifying these election results, we are officially putting into the record books the final word on one of the more exciting and historic elections in the history of our state. Overall, I commend the hard work done by local election administrators and poll workers to make sure the election ran as smoothly as it did."

Overall, Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden won the Presidential vote in Connecticut and Democrat Christopher Murphy was elected 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 113th Congress of the United States. In the

Connecticut General Assembly, Democratic candidates were elected to 99 seats in the State House of Representatives and 22 seats in the State Senate. Republican candidates were elected to 52 seats in the House of Representatives and 14 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 2013 legislative session in January.

In Connecticut, 74% of registered voters cast ballots on November 6, 2012. That includes more than 1,524,339 Connecticut voters who cast ballots on Election Day out of 2,066,260 registered voters. This statewide turnout figure does not include voter turnout results from the town of Prospect, which as of today has still not reported voter turnout figures as part of their 2012 election returns to the Secretary of the State's office as required by state law.

Secretary Merrill today also launched an unprecedented voter feedback line and is asking voters for their impressions of elections in Connecticut by email to the address: vote@ct.gov

Top 10 municipalities in CT for Voter Turnout in 2012 (as a percentage of registered voters):
1. Bridgewater – 94.75%
2. Middletown – 89.86%
3. Ridgefield – 89.42%
4. Washington – 88.35%
5. Woodbridge – 86.94%
6. Granby – 86.22%
7. Bolton – 86.20%
8. Roxbury – 85.92%
9. Wilton – 85.57%
10. Killingworth – 85.35%

State	2012 Voter Turnout % *
1. Minnesota	88.62%
2. Wisconsin	83.14%
3. New Hampshire	78.14%
4. Washington	77.13%
5. Oregon	76.25%
6. Maine	74.31%
7. Connecticut	**73.77%**
8. Iowa	71.67%
9. Massachusetts	70.88%
10. Florida	70.04%

*estimated based on state and media reports

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