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## SECRETARY MERRILL: ONE MONTH TO REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS VOTERS THAT ONLINE AND MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>; More Than 53,000 New Voters Have Registered so far this Year

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded eligible voters in Connecticut that they have almost one month to register to vote in order to cast a ballot in the November 4, 2014 general election. Specifically, voters who wish to register online or by mail must do so by Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>; and the final deadline to register to vote in-person at town or city offices is Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Merrill is encouraging every eligible Connecticut voter with a driver's license to go online at <u>https://voterregistration.ct.gov</u> to register to vote securely and quickly. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that so far in 2014, at least 53,940 new voters have registered, including 15,924 Democrats, 10,303 Republicans and 26,276 unaffiliated voters. Overall, as of today there are a total of 1,931,880 registered voters in Connecticut, including 706,211 Democrats, 402,840 Republicans, and 803,564 unaffiliated voters. A complete listing of new and current active registered voters by party follows at the bottom of this news release.

"We are coming into the home stretch of the 2014 election cycle," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's top elections official. "Voters have just about a month – 28 days from today – to register to vote in this very important general election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. I strongly encourage any eligible voter with a driver's license to use our online voter registration system to sign up to vote. It is easy, quick and secure, and you can even do it on our mobile app! I urge every eligible voter: don't sit on the sidelines. Critical decisions about our state and federal government will be made by the people we elect to represent us Election Day. Make sure your voice is heard and register to vote!" Secretary Merrill urges any U.S. citizen aged 18 or over to go online at <u>www.sots.ct.gov/vote</u> to find out if they are registered to vote, register to vote, find out where their polling place is located, or download an application for an absentee ballot if they will be out of town or physically unable to be in their polling place on Election Day Tuesday November 4, 2014. Polls will be open that day from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. statewide for the general election.

| PARTY                       | COUNT            |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| A Better Future             | 2                |
| A Brookfield Party          | 3                |
| A Connecticut Party         | 1                |
| A Sentinel Party            | 23               |
| Canterbury First            | 2                |
| Chatham Party               | 10               |
| Democratic                  | 706,211          |
| Enfield Taxpayers Party     | 2                |
| Friends Of Saybrook         | 13               |
| Green                       | 1,641            |
| Guilty                      | 1                |
| Independence                | 13               |
| Independence For Montville  | 8                |
| Independent                 | 15,446           |
| Independent Choice          | 1                |
| Libertarian                 | 1,691            |
| Milford Independent Party   | 6                |
| Norwich for Change          | 1                |
| Open                        | 8                |
| Pro-Bethel                  | 2                |
| Realistic Balance           | 4                |
| Reform                      | 11               |
| <b>Republican</b>           | 402,840          |
| South Windsor Citizens      | 1                |
| Spring Glen Party           | 8                |
| Swing                       | 1                |
| The Hampton Party           | 1                |
| U-It                        | 6                |
| U/i                         | 1                |
| <b>Unaffiliated</b>         | 803,564          |
| Unaffiliated (Conservative) | 1                |
| We The People               | 44               |
| Winsted Independent         | 37               |
| Working Families            | 276              |
|                             |                  |
| TOTAL                       | <b>1,931,880</b> |

## **ACTIVE CONNECTICUT REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF 9/30/14**

**NEW ACTIVE VOTERS SINCE 1/1/14** 

| PARTY               |      | COUNT  |
|---------------------|------|--------|
| <b>Democratic</b>   |      | 15,924 |
| Green               |      | 70     |
| Independent         |      | 1,205  |
| Libertarian         |      | 138    |
| Reform              |      | 1      |
| Republican          |      | 10,303 |
| U/i                 |      | 1      |
| Unaffiliated        |      | 26,276 |
| Winsted Independent | -    | 1      |
| Working Families    |      | 21     |
|                     |      |        |
| 7                   | OTAL | 53,940 |

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