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## **RNLA Statement on the Confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court**

Washington, D.C. — Today, Neil M. Gorsuch was sworn in to fill Justice Antonin Scalia's seat on the United States Supreme Court. Prior to his confirmation as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Gorsuch served for ten years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) actively supported Justice Gorsuch during his confirmation and congratulates him on joining the U.S. Supreme Court today.

RNLA leaders also extend their congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of Judge, and now Justice, Gorsuch's confirmation and swearing in ceremonies. RNLA Chair Kimberly Reed said: "Judge Gorsuch has demonstrated his immense intellectual abilities, clear legal writing skills, and fidelity to the Constitution throughout his ten-year career on the bench; and he will continue to serve the American people and uphold the rule of law as a United States Supreme Court Justice. His remarkable ability to build consensus with his colleagues in reaching decisions on difficult legal questions will be an asset as the highest court grapples with challenging legal cases."

RNLA Co-Chair John Ryder agreed: "Judge Gorsuch is a worthy successor to Justice Scalia. I am delighted that President Trump has delivered on his promise to the American people to nominate someone who fits the mold of Justice Scalia. I am equally pleased that the Senate saw fit to honor the will of the people by confirming Judge Gorsuch."

RNLA President Elliot Berke stated: "Throughout his long career, Judge Gorsuch has reached decisions by taking the words of the Constitution, statutes, regulations, or precedents seriously and then fairly applying the governing law to the facts of the case before him. This judicial method best protects the rights of every American, and Justice Gorsuch will serve in the tradition of Justice Scalia, protecting the rights of the people by deferring to the will of people expressed through their elected representatives. America will be a better place because of his service on the Supreme Court."

RNLA Executive Director Michael Thielen recognized the leadership of Senate Republicans throughout the confirmation process: "Thanks to the leadership of Leader McConnell, Senator Grassley, and the other Republican senators, the Democrats' efforts to obstruct President Trump's well-qualified nominee, and use him as a foil to attack President Trump and undermine the results of last November's election, failed."

The Supreme Court is the final arbiter of cases and controversies in the United States. It is vital that Supreme Court justices be excellent lawyers with immense respect for the rule of law, with a deep understanding of the separation of powers and federalism, and with reverence for the Constitution. Justice Gorsuch has these qualities in abundance and will serve the American people well.

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