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RNLA Statement on the Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court

Washington, D.C. — Today, President Donald J. Trump announced that his nominee for Justice Antonin Scalia's seat on the United States Supreme Court is Judge Neil Gorsuch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) strongly supports Judge Gorsuch's nomination and applauds President Trump for his excellent choice.

RNLA President Elliot Berke said: "Throughout his distinguished career, Judge Gorsuch has proven his legal skills, deference to legislative processes, and respect for individual rights contained in the Constitution. Judge Gorsuch will be an outstanding justice who will serve the American people and promote the rule of law."

The Supreme Court holds the immense power of being 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, a deep understanding of the separation of powers and federalism, and reverence for the Constitution. Judge Gorsuch has all these qualities in abundance.

RNLA member and former RNLA Colorado Chapter Chair Michael Davis, who once clerked for the Judge, strongly endorsed him: "Judge Gorsuch and I have been friends since he was simply known as Neil. We served together at the U.S. Department of Justice. I served as one of his first law clerks. In nominating Judge Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court, the President selected the most exceptionally well-qualified American possible. Judge Gorsuch is an intellectual giant and a tremendously talented writer. More importantly, Judge Gorsuch is an exceptionally good person. Judge Gorsuch and his wife Louise care deeply about their faith, family, friends, and country. Judge Gorsuch is a happy, humble servant, who views his modest judicial role as finding the law and applying it fairly and evenly, regardless of any personal preference. We could not find a better, more qualified person to serve."

Judge Gorsuch is indeed extremely well qualified to serve as a Supreme Court justice. In addition to a J.D. from Harvard Law School, he holds a Doctorate in legal philosophy from Oxford University. He clerked on the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court before ten years in private practice and a year at the U.S. Department of Justice. When President George W. Bush nominated Judge Gorsuch to the Tenth Circuit in 2006, he was confirmed by a voice vote, indicating strong, bipartisan support for his nomination.

"Judge Gorsuch is another excellent selection by President Trump. He is a well respected lawyer with a distinguished career who will be a thoughtful and scholarly justice," said Kimberly Reed, Chair of RNLA.

RNLA Executive Director Michael Thielen agreed: "Judge Gorsuch is well within the mainstream and received strong bipartisan support during his previous confirmation. He was so uncontroversial that the Senate held a voice vote to confirm him, indicating unanimous or nearly unanimous support.

Prior to his nomination to the Tenth Circuit, Judge Gorsuch ably led RNLA's Judicial Confirmation Task Force, the predecessor of the current RNLA Communications Committee. Through his written opinions, he has demonstrated a deep understanding of the law and respect for the Constitution. Judge Gorsuch's qualifications are unquestionable."

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