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Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles Appointed to Leadership Position

(Alexandria, VA) - Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles has been appointed Tennessee State Director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) is a non-partisan, 501c3, educational foundation, whose mission is to provide strategic resources to elected women officials for leadership development and effective governance. This is achieved through conferences, seminars, educational materials, professional and personal relationships, and networking.

"We are so proud Commissioner Broyles has accepted a leadership position in our Foundation," stated New Jersey Senator Diane Allen, NFWL's Chair. "Commissioner Broyles will play a key role in aiding women legislators in Tennessee and across state lines as we grow as an organization."

As State Director for Tennessee, Commissioner Broyles will be responsible for supporting elected women officials at all levels of government - local, state, and federal. She will serve as a resource and point of contact for women office holders who would like to take part in the many opportunities and programs offered by the NFWL, and will be responsible for developing and implementing original programming and networking opportunities within Tennessee.

"I am honored to be selected for this position, and I am very excited to be part of such a dynamic and influential organization." stated Commissioner Broyles. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to reach out to other women serving in elected office across the state of Tennessee, and to support them in the important work they do. I see my role as not only supporting current women office holders, but also encouraging more women to step up and run for public office."

Women are the greatest rising force in American politics today. Thirty years ago, women held a mere 13% of all state legislative seats in the country; today they hold 24% of 7,383 seats nationwide. Currently, 20 women serve in the US Senate and 78 serve in the US House of Representatives, while 73 women hold statewide elective office including 5 state Governorships. Women chair numerous committees, they influence policy, and they understand the importance of building bipartisan coalitions to offer solutions for the nation's most pressing concerns and ensure widespread change in both thought and policy.

"This is a tremendous honor, and I am grateful for this incredible opportunity," added Commissioner Broyles.

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