SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS FROM NORTH DAKOTA

(General Election - November 4, 2014)

The official results from North Dakota's November 4, 2014 election are not yet available however there are some preliminary unofficial results that can be summarized as follows:

A. US SENATORS: (No race for any US Senate seat for ND - no change)

US Senator John Hoeven (R) & US Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D) remain in office

B. US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: (ND only has one US Congressman)

(First term) Incumbent US Congressman Kevin Cramer (R) received 137,569 (55.53%) votes to defeat challengers ND State Senator George Sinner (D) who had 95,355 (38.49%) votes and Robert J. Seaman (Libertarian) who had 14,476 (5.84%) votes.

C. NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE:

There were approximately one half of the North Dakota Legislative seats up for election for a four year terms in **47 Legislative Districts** with one Senator and two Representatives in each district. The odd numbered districts were up for election.

Majorities: During the 2015 Legislative Session and the 2015-2016 Interim the Republicans will continue to maintain significant majorities, (>2/3), in both the ND House of Representatives and the ND Senate. The unofficial tally for ND House shows 71 Republicans and 23 Democrats and for the ND Senate shows 32 Republicans and 15 Democrats.

D. OTHER STATEWIDE OFFICES:

- 1. Governor/Lt Governor There was <u>not</u> an election for Governor. The current Governor is **Jack Dalrymple (R)** and Lt. Governor is **Drew Wrigley (R)**. [Note: The Governor is one of three members on the ND Industrial Commission.]
- 2. Public Service Commissioner The PSC has three seats and two of the three were up for election. Commissioner **Randy Christmann (R)** was not up for election.
 - a. Incumbent Commissioner Brian Kalk (R) received 153,838 (64.78%) votes to defeat challenger Todd Reisenauer (D) with 83,277 (35.07%) votes for the 6 year term.
 - b. Incumbent Commissioner Julie Fedorchak (R) received 156,032 (65.98%) votes to defeat challenger Tyler Axness (D) with 80,042 (33.85%) votes for the unexpired 2 year term.
- 3. Agriculture Commissioner Incumbent Commissioner **Doug Goehring (R)** received 139,085 (56.96%) votes to defeat challenger **Ryan Taylor (D)** with 104,721 (42.89%) votes. [Note: This race was of additional importance because the Ag Commissioner is one of three members of the ND Industrial Commission.]

- 4. Secretary of State Incumbent Secretary Al Jaeger (R) received 151,515 (62.38%) votes to defeat challengers April Fairfield (D) with 78,203 (32.20%) votes and Roland Reimers (Libertarian) with 12,876 (5.30%) votes.
- 5. Attorney General Incumbent AG Wayne Stenehjem (R) received 181,005 (74.05%) votes to defeat challenger Kiara Kraus-Parr (D) with 63,035 (25.79%) votes. [Note: This race is of additional importance because the AG is one of three members of the ND Industrial Commission.]
- 6. Tax Commissioner Incumbent Commissioner Ryan Rauschenberger (R) received 134,847 (56.76%) votes to defeat challengers Jason Astrup (D) with 87,206 (36.71%) votes and Anthony Mangnall (Libertarian) with 15,179 (6.39%) votes.
- E. MEASURES: North Dakotans voted on eight (8) ballot measures as follows:
- 1. **Measure No. 1** failed by a vote of 160,728 (64.13%) to 89,888 (35.87%) which was a constitutional amendment for the inalienable right to life of every human being at every stage of development.
- 2. **Measure No. 2** passed by a vote of 187,641 (75.70%) to 60,241 (24.30%) which was a constitutional amendment to prohibit any mortgage tax or sale or transfer tax on the mortgage or transfer of real property.
- 3. **Measure No. 3** failed by a vote of 181,808 (74.93%) to 60,819 (25.07%) which was a constitutional amendment to create a 3 member commission of higher education to manage and operate the ND University System.
- 4. **Measure No. 4** failed by a vote of 135,408 (56.59%) to 103,888 (43.41%) which was a constitutional amendment to prohibit initiated measures that make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose.
- 5. **Measure No. 5** failed by a vote of 198,596 (79.38%) to 51,578 (20.62%) which was an initiated constitutional amendment for a trust fund for clean water, wildlife & parks.
- 6. **Measure No. 6** failed by a vote of 151,460 (62.09%) to 92,471 (37.91%) which was an initiated statutory measure regarding parental rights and responsibilities.
- 7. **Measure No. 7** failed by a vote of 147,066 (58.95%) to 102,406 (41.05%) which was an initiated statutory measure for the operation of a pharmacy.
- 8. **Measure No. 8** failed by a vote of 136,419 (55.55%) to 109,148 (44.45%) which was an initiated statutory measure to start school classes after Labor Day.

There were 254,198 ballots cast in this election. Voter turnout was 46.64% based on ND's voting age population of 545,020. The 2015 ND Legislative Session starts January 6, 2015.