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LAWERENCE DENNEY

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**Press Release**

**Secretary of State Lawrence Denney Appointed to NASS Executive Board**

**Washington, D.C.** — The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) announced today that Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney has been installed as the NASS Western Region Vice President. Denney steps into the national officer's spot previously held by former Wyoming Secretary of State Ed Murray, who resigned from his office in Wyoming in February. Denney will serve to complete Murray's original term as Western VP until July of this year, when the new Executive Board will be elected by the membership at the NASS Summer Conference.

"I am honored to be asked to serve in this capacity and look forward to the input I feel I will be able to give to the board on behalf of not only Idaho, but all of the Western region states," says Secretary Denney. "Specifically, I look forward to helping to move us forward as a region and a nation in the areas of election integrity, security, and transparency."

Regional Vice-Presidents are responsible for communications to their respective state's Secretaries regarding legislative issues and concerns being followed by NASS, as well as acting as a liaison for those states back to the Association. Additionally, as a member of the executive board, they are responsible for helping to shape both policy and position statements for NASS on hot-button issues like election cybersecurity and the federal designation of elections as critical infrastructure.

NASS President Connie Lawson, Indiana Secretary of State, said she is "pleased Secretary Denney has accepted to join the Executive Board. He will be a strong advocate on issues that are of interest to the Western region and our membership as a whole."

In addition to Idaho, the western region includes the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, as well as American Samoa.

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**ABOUT LAWERENCE DENNEY**

Since 1990, Lawrence Denney has served the people of Idaho, first as a representative in what was then District 13. Following redistricting, he became a representative for District 9, where he would serve until 2014. He served two terms as Majority Leader, and 3 terms as Speaker of the House before successfully running for state office as Secretary of State in 2014. He is currently in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of his 1<sup>st</sup> term and has declared his candidacy for re-election in 2018.

**ABOUT NASS**

Founded in 1904, NASS is the oldest, nonpartisan professional organization of public officials in the U.S. Membership is open to the 50 states and all U.S. territories. NASS serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy