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Representative Kane named State Director for the Women In Government Foundation

SHREWSBURY – Representative Hannah Kane was recently sworn in as a State Director for the Women In Government Foundation, Inc. (WIG). Representative Kane joins 199 other women state legislators to serve in this coveted role in 2016. As such, Representative Kane serves as an Ambassador for the state of Massachusetts, helping drive commerce and educational opportunities while assisting WIG with its state-based policy events across the region. WIG nominates four directors from each state every year to ensure all sides of the electorate are fairly represented.

"It is a privilege to have been nominated and sworn in as Massachusetts State Director for the Women In Government Foundation. I firmly believe that there is a need for greater involvement of women in politics. To be a member of an organization that promotes the role of women in public service and leadership is truly an honor," said Representative Kane. "In addition to encouraging increased participation by women, Women In Government has provided me with great opportunities to hear from scholars and experts on important policy issues that we face as a nation and Commonwealth so that I can better serve my constituency." "We at WIG sincerely appreciate Representative Kane's willingness to serve in such an important capacity on behalf of our organization," said Dyan Alexander, Executive Director, WIG. "As we work with organizations and corporations interested in sharing the most cutting-edge research and information on pressing policy issues with legislators, having Representative Kane's assistance is critical. State Directors help ensure those who represent the electorate make sound decisions based on the latest information available. We sincerely thank Representative Kane for all she does on behalf of those who serve."

Representative Kane has been invited to attend two Women in Government conferences since being sworn in to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in April, 2015. The Conferences focus on a variety of policy issues including but not limited to education, healthcare financing, veterans services, and mental health and substance abuse. The insight gained and knowledge obtained during the conferences assists Representative Kane daily as she reviews important legislation before her and the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

WIG is a national 501c3 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that serves the 1,804 (or 24.4%) women state legislators across the nation. It is based in Washington, DC and supports women state legislators across the United States. WIG provides leadership opportunities, networking, expert forums, and educational resources to address and resolve complex public policy issues. Its goal is to empower state legislators to make the most informed policy decision based on the most up-to-date information available. WIG has been serving in this capacity for 27 years to date.

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