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MERRILL: NEARLY 56% VOTER TURNOUT FOR 2014 GENERAL ELECTION WITH JUST UNDER 14,000 NEW VOTERS USING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE RELEASES FINAL, COMPREHENSIVE VOTER
TURNOUT FIGURES FROM 2014; CORNWALL REPORTED HIGHEST TURNOUT AT
74.77%, HARTFORD LOWEST AT 32.18%

Hartford: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released the final, comprehensive voter turnout figures from the 2014 general election showing that some 55.57% of registered voters in Connecticut cast ballots on Election Day November 4, 2014. The town that saw the highest voter turnout was Cornwall, where 74.77% of registered voters cast ballots, while the city of Hartford saw the lowest turnout percentage of 32.18% of registered voters cast ballots. A complete listing of voter turnout by municipality from Election Day November 4, 2014 is available online at www.sots.ct.gov and also follows on the bottom of this news release. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that some 13,995 new voters in Connecticut were able to cast ballots using Election Day Registration. This number represents 1.3% of the total votes cast in 2014, the first statewide, non-municipal election since Election Day Registration was enacted in Connecticut.

“Overall we had a very healthy and respectable voter turnout of just about 56% of registered voters in Connecticut,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Once again we saw strong voter turnout in our small towns, while the cities continue to lag behind. Election Day problems in Hartford may have had a depressing impact on voter turnout in that city, which is truly unfortunate. One thing I am very proud of is the large number of new voters – nearly 14,000 – who were able to participate in democracy due to Election Day Registration! This was a total success and implemented statewide without any serious problems. This speaks volumes about the preparation undertaken by local election officials to accommodate new crowds of voters across the state. Due to their efforts we were really able to expand the voting franchise in 2014, which is something truly worth celebrating!”

TOWN	Total Names on Registry List	Total Names Checked as Voting	Turnout Percentage	Election Day Registration Voters
Cornwall	983	735	74.77%	5
Bridgewater	1284	942	73.36%	7
Bolton	3224	2346	72.77%	26
Norfolk	1033	738	71.44%	17
Guilford	14132	10056	71.16%	100
Litchfield	5210	3663	70.31%	43
Goshen	2048	1439	70.26%	20
New Hartford	4394	3086	70.23%	56
Hampton	1183	829	70.08%	9
Old Lyme	5114	3577	69.95%	33
Franklin	1207	843	69.84%	8
Columbia	3623	2527	69.75%	54
Salem	2432	1695	69.70%	30
Essex	4657	3242	69.62%	52
Glastonbury	21095	14547	68.96%	140
Portland	5480	3773	68.85%	96
Sharon	1625	1114	68.55%	25
Bethlehem	2503	1715	68.52%	22
East Lyme	10907	7465	68.44%	113
Roxbury	1691	1157	68.42%	4
Prospect	6126	4181	68.25%	55
Marlborough	4011	2735	68.19%	37
Killingworth	4306	2936	68.18%	33
Lyme	1788	1218	68.12%	5
Berlin	12912	8794	68.11%	91
East Hampton	7775	5294	68.09%	57
Cheshire	17057	11602	68.02%	102
Granby	7058	4800	68.01%	56
Kent	1891	1284	67.90%	16
Coventry	7111	4823	67.82%	56
Avon	11558	7781	67.32%	91
Voluntown	1371	922	67.25%	13
Andover	2036	1368	67.19%	26
Union	603	405	67.16%	1
Tolland	9274	6216	67.03%	46
Lebanon	4318	2884	66.79%	41
Chester	2471	1643	66.49%	38
Sprague	1674	1113	66.49%	16
Bloomfield	12707	8444	66.45%	132
Willington	3178	2109	66.36%	40
Somers	5602	3693	65.92%	30
Westbrook	4248	2799	65.89%	38
Thomaston	4350	2864	65.84%	41
South Windsor	15566	10181	65.41%	92
East Granby	3519	2299	65.33%	40
Warren	982	641	65.27%	8
Durham	5036	3283	65.19%	24
Haddam	5772	3761	65.16%	39
Wethersfield	16484	10713	64.99%	99
Simsbury	16208	10520	64.91%	101
Burlington	6081	3919	64.45%	42

Middletown	22142	14260	64.40%	407
Colebrook	1075	692	64.37%	16
Middlefield	3132	2015	64.34%	22
Bethany	3893	2501	64.24%	29
Chaplin	1330	854	64.21%	8
Ashford	2658	1706	64.18%	19
Southington	25861	16514	63.86%	14
Vernon	14044	8955	63.76%	134
Montville	8451	5377	63.63%	67
Brookfield	9878	6282	63.60%	67
Suffield	8268	5251	63.51%	49
Pomfret	2488	1575	63.30%	16
Rocky Hill	10853	6858	63.19%	103
Canton	7061	4456	63.11%	57
Hebron	6447	4065	63.05%	44
East Haddam	5834	3678	63.04%	58
Middlebury	5215	3255	62.42%	38
North Haven	15308	9533	62.27%	81
Southbury	13571	8439	62.18%	84
Manchester	26832	16615	61.92%	274
Newington	17406	10771	61.88%	119
Morris	1657	1025	61.86%	23
Wallingford	24960	15430	61.82%	147
Eastford	1174	725	61.75%	10
Old Saybrook	7585	4682	61.73%	59
Westport	16302	10049	61.64%	96
Derby	5398	3327	61.63%	51
Barkhamsted	2604	1602	61.52%	18
Monroe	11779	7239	61.46%	47
Washington	2402	1474	61.37%	50
Farmington	17311	10599	61.23%	117
Deep River	3153	1930	61.21%	33
Hartland	1530	932	60.92%	12
Salisbury	2898	1761	60.77%	30
Scotland	1118	679	60.73%	7
Ellington	9402	5709	60.72%	91
Madison	13259	8044	60.67%	120
Lisbon	2576	1561	60.60%	28
Canaan	778	471	60.54%	14
Waterford	12514	7575	60.53%	115
Wilton	11489	6952	60.51%	56
Ledyard	8402	5073	60.38%	60
Branford	18025	10869	60.30%	112
Weston	6094	3672	60.26%	49
Woodstock	4895	2947	60.20%	39
Harwinton	4082	2453	60.09%	20
Colchester	10136	6080	59.98%	74
Newtown	17125	10264	59.94%	66
Canterbury	3315	1981	59.76%	22
Wolcott	11019	6567	59.60%	60
Watertown	14525	8630	59.41%	108
Cromwell	9328	5522	59.20%	71
Bozrah	1706	1008	59.09%	13
Greenwich	32376	19117	59.05%	186
Stonington	12514	7373	58.92%	89

Darien	12251	7171	58.53%	91
Shelton	23231	13593	58.51%	174
Stafford	7531	4406	58.50%	48
Woodbridge	6513	3785	58.11%	50
Easton	5177	3008	58.10%	38
Windsor Locks	7259	4194	57.78%	70
Preston	2964	1710	57.69%	22
Enfield	21637	12423	57.42%	131
North Branford	8956	5141	57.40%	48
Woodbury	7449	4272	57.35%	35
Sherman	2603	1492	57.32%	14
Seymour	9495	5415	57.03%	61
Fairfield	36865	20998	56.96%	159
Ridgefield	16644	9446	56.75%	74
Plainville	10587	6001	56.68%	51
West Haven	24698	13977	56.59%	199
Bethel	11320	6404	56.57%	63
Hamden	33235	18726	56.34%	244
Orange	10354	5833	56.34%	43
West Hartford	39509	22248	56.31%	326
Windsor	20046	11275	56.25%	116
Bristol	31760	17835	56.16%	209
Oxford	8751	4911	56.12%	38
Trumbull	24092	13483	55.96%	117
North Stonington	3794	2123	55.96%	20
Milford	33249	18602	55.95%	193
Torrington	18909	10553	55.81%	119
New Canaan	12857	7172	55.78%	74
Griswold	6618	3690	55.76%	74
North Canaan	1982	1103	55.65%	31
Clinton	9285	5156	55.53%	68
Groton	17996	9917	55.11%	203
Redding	6957	3831	55.07%	44
East Haven	15047	8174	54.32%	100
Beacon Falls	3908	2113	54.07%	30
Plymouth	7383	3873	52.46%	52
Winchester	6786	3542	52.20%	50
Brooklyn	4683	2441	52.12%	35
New Milford	16401	8455	51.55%	83
Ansonia	9454	4858	51.39%	51
Meriden	28312	14546	51.38%	183
Stamford	58769	30125	51.26%	285
New Britain	25640	13112	51.14%	235
Windham	10350	5278	51.00%	107
East Windsor	7198	3647	50.67%	57
Norwalk	44394	22492	50.66%	287
Thompson	5329	2689	50.46%	26
Stratford	31600	15934	50.42%	162
Mansfield	11357	5704	50.22%	383
Naugatuck	16888	8329	49.32%	110
New Fairfield	9503	4600	48.41%	26
Sterling	2205	1055	47.85%	16
East Hartford	25531	12205	47.80%	233
Killingly	9283	4409	47.50%	76
Danbury	34631	16129	46.57%	158

Putnam	5203	2422	46.55%	32
Plainfield	8643	3845	44.49%	58
Norwich	19546	8411	43.03%	109
New Haven	70832	27127	38.30%	616
Bridgeport	58076	21760	37.47%	270
Waterbury	56574	20731	36.64%	225
New London	14462	5253	36.32%	145
Hartford	48694	15668	32.18%	383
Total Statewide Turnout	1,973,332	1,096,509	55.57%	13,995