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## **Sebelius Congratulates Kentucky's Next Governor, Steve Beshear**

### ***Democratic Momentum Continues Into 2008***

**Washington, D.C.** – Democratic Governors Association (DGA) Chair Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius this evening congratulated Gov.-elect Steve Beshear for winning Kentucky's governorship. Gov.-elect Beshear defeated GOP Gov. Ernie Fletcher, continuing the Democratic momentum from 2006.

"My fellow Democratic governors and I congratulate Steve Beshear for his impressive victory in Kentucky," Gov. Sebelius said. "Steve brought forth a message of restoring honesty and integrity to government, and voters overwhelmingly responded to his brand of leadership. We look forward to welcoming him to the ranks of Democratic governors."

The three races for governor this year – in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Louisiana – were in states that voted for President Bush by double digit margins. "The story of 2007 is about Democrats waging strong campaigns deep in Bush territory," Gov. Sebelius added. "The landscape this year was formidable, but tonight voters reaffirmed that their appetite for Democratic leadership reaches into every corner of the country."

"Democrats continued the momentum from last year's landslide election, and the DGA is in a great position for 2008 and beyond," Gov. Sebelius continued.

DGA Executive Director Nathan Daschle said, "Kentucky was our top priority for 2007, and we are thrilled that one more state has enthusiastically voted for Democratic leadership. We held the Republicans on their own turf this year, and we are now in a great position to go on the offensive in 2008."

Daschle continued, "Steve Beshear trounced an entrenched Republican incumbent in a 60-40 Bush state. Particularly humbling for the Republicans is that this victory occurred in the home state of the RNC Chairman."

With broad bipartisan support, Democratic governors are initiating effective solutions in "red" and "blue" states across the country. Gov. Sebelius concluded, "Democratic governors had a historic victory in 2006, and Tuesday's victory ensures that our momentum will continue into 2008. Next year, we will expand our majority and more Americans will benefit from the kind of innovative leadership Democratic governors offer."

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