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Senator Kelda Roys Sworn In and Ready to Serve

Madison – State Senator Kelda Roys was sworn at noon today in an outdoor ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The Honorable Chris Taylor, Dane County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative, administered the oath of office to Senator Roys.

Sen. Roys issued the following statement upon her swearing in:

"I am honored that the people of Madison and Shorewood Hills have placed their trust in me and chosen me to serve us in the State Senate. With all my heart, I love this community and this state. Thank you for this opportunity to represent us, fight for our values, and lead with empathy and vigor.

"As Wisconsinites, we have much to be thankful for and to celebrate, yet now more than ever we face great and urgent challenges. Our state deserves elected leaders who care about the wellbeing of every Wisconsinite, put the common good before their own, and work to make Wisconsin a place of opportunity, fairness, and equity for all. I will do my best to live up to this duty. I invite my legislative colleagues to take this new session as an opportunity to recommit to the values of service, community, and democracy that we ought to uphold.

"I'm grateful to my friend and colleague, the Honorable Chris Taylor, for her kind service today and every day. I thank Senator Fred Risser again for his 64 years of legislative service; he and his staff have served Wisconsin with tremendous dedication, and we are humbled to follow in their footsteps. Thanks also to my accomplished, creative staff, whom I know will enable our office to provide constituents with excellent service and strong progressive leadership. Finally, I thank my enthusiastic, generous, and patient family for their support and love -- serving in public office is only possible with the help and cooperation of those closest to you."

Senator Roys was joined -- in person but masked and physically distanced -- by her staff and several members of her family, including her partner Dan Reed, their two daughters, her two stepdaughters, her parents Krista Roys and William O'Connor, and her sister Madeline O'Connor.