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EIGHTY-NINE KANSAS SHERIFFS ENDORSE ATTORNEY GENERAL KLINE

Kansas Attorney General Phillip Kline today announced that in the last three weeks, 89 Kansas Sheriffs have endorsed him in his bid to secure a second term in the office he currently holds.

"I am humbled to receive the support of these individuals whom I so greatly respect and admire," Attorney General Kline said. "To have the endorsements of these Sheriffs, people who stand on the front line every day, means as much to me personally as it does professionally. I am truly honored."

At stops in Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita, Kline released the names of the Sheriffs who have already offered their support for his candidacy including eight Sheriffs who are members of the Democratic Party, a majority of all Democrat Sheriffs in the state.

Bob Stephan, who served as Kansas Attorney General for 16 years, joined Kline throughout the day and noted the significance of this overwhelming support by members of the state's law enforcement community.

"The degree of support that Attorney General Kline has from law enforcement is remarkable," Stephan said. "This clearly demonstrates General Kline's leadership in the area of public safety and reflects his priorities of strengthening penalties for violent offenders and standing up for those in law enforcement."

Pratt County Sheriff Vernon Chinn has worked closely with Kline for the past three years as a member of the Attorney General's Task Force on Crime and Sentencing. He noted that it was logical for law enforcement to rally behind Kline because the Attorney General has a strong record of protecting the vulnerable, keeping Kansas safe, and supporting law enforcement.

"Attorney General Kline is widely regarded in law enforcement circles as an effective leader with proven experience and a sincere dedication to protecting all

Kansans,” Sheriff Chinn said. “Those of us in law enforcement have long appreciated his unwavering support for us and, in return, we are proud to stand in support of him.”

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