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Kentucky Right to Life Announces New Executive Director

Kentucky Right to Life Association is proud to announce its selection of Addia Kathryn Wuchner as its new executive director. She will officially assume the role of executive director on the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 2021.

Ms. Wuchner, a Louisville native, served 14 years in the Kentucky House of Representatives, representing the citizens of District 66 in Boone County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky until 2019. She was Kentucky's first woman to be appointed Chair of the House Standing Committee on Health and Family Services.

Ms. Wuchner, a registered nurse, bioethicist, and lawmaker, is an unwavering champion for "ProLife," the "human rights of the unborn child," and "women's right to know" and women's health rights, in order to make a complete and informed decision before giving consent.

In 2017, Ms. Wuchner sponsored HB 2, The Ultrasound Bill. She successfully carried this critical piece of pro-life legislation across the finish line in the Kentucky General Assembly. In December 2019, HB2 was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. For the first time in history, women seeking an abortion in Kentucky must be given the opportunity to see who will be aborted and to hear his or her heartbeat before making a final decision.

In 2018, she penned the "The Human Rights of the Child Act" banning live dismemberment abortions in the Commonwealth. While the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the lower Court injunction, Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron is committed to pursuing a challenge to the ruling.

In 2006, Representative Wuchner worked tirelessly to ensure that her child pornography legislation became law, raising the offense of child pornography in Kentucky from a "Misdemeanor" to a "Class D Felony".

Ms. Wuchner's dedication as a servant leader has also been demonstrated in her work as a businesswoman, bioethicist, registered nurse, community leader, and humanitarian mission director. She served for 6 years on the Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department Board of Directors with passion and energy to improve both the economic and physical wellbeing of all Kentucky citizens; especially Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens, our children.

She began her 36-year career in nursing as a labor and delivery nurse at St. Anthony Hospital in Louisville, and worked in various medical arenas, including Trauma and Neuro-Rehab.

From 1986 to 1994, Ms. Wuchner was the Senior Director of Development and Marketing for a medical technology corporation, overseeing research, marketing, and implementation of high-tech medical procedures provided to hospitals in Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati. The validity of her work has stood the test of time as medical centers have adopted the techniques, and best-practice policies she pioneered.

She also served as Vice President of Strategic Planning for the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati and the Senior Director of Corporate Relations for the St. Luke Hospitals.

Her faith and mission-driven vision have taken her around the globe, at times to places few would venture. Ms. Wuchner was the founder and missions director for Project Wings of Mercy, International Medical and Humanitarian Aid, completing nine missions to war-torn Bosnia and Croatia, during the 1991-94 conflict.

Ms. Wuchner is married and has three children and 12 grandchildren.

Diana Maldonado, president of Kentucky Right to Life, issued the following statement:

“The Board of Directors of Kentucky Right to Life is pleased to announce the hiring of Addia Wuchner as the new executive director of Kentucky Right to Life Association. Addia brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion for the Life issue to our organization. I envision a great future ahead for KRLA under her leadership.”