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Majority of Sheriffs Endorse Judge Gableman

Sheriffs across Wisconsin say Gableman is the right choice for Supreme Court

[Burnett County, Wisc....] A bi-partisan majority of Wisconsin's sheriffs have now endorsed Judge Michael Gableman's campaign for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Noting his strong prosecutorial background and straightforward approach to the law, ten new sheriffs announced their endorsement of Judge Gableman on Thursday – bringing the total number of sheriffs supporting Gableman to 39.

"Judge Gableman is the choice for all law enforcement across Wisconsin," Sheriff Dalbec of Douglas County said. "Law enforcement expects decisions based on the law and commonsense. Judge Gableman will provide both as a Supreme Court Justice and I'm proud to endorse his candidacy."

Sheriff Dalbec had previously endorsed Justice Butler, but switched to Gableman after a closer review of each candidate's stance on recent decisions involving sheriffs' authority.

Sheriff Dalbec was joined on Thursday by:

- Robert Carlson, Racine County
- Gene Cary, Vernon County
- Dennis Kocken, Brown County
- James Kowalczyk, Chippewa County
- Mark Podoll, Green Lake County
- Jeff Rickaby, Florence County
- Dale Schmidt, Washington County
- Daniel Trawicki, Waukesha County
- Keith Van Cleve, Forest County

"Wisconsin sheriffs have such a difficult job. I greatly respect the work they do and am honored they have joined my team," said Judge Gableman. Gableman is the only candidate for the court with law enforcement experience.

Judge Michael Gableman has a distinguished and wide-ranging legal career serving as a circuit court judge, district attorney, assistant district attorney, administrative law judge, adjunct professor of law, deputy corporation counsel and private practice attorney.

Prior to his experience on the bench, Judge Gableman was appointed district attorney for Ashland County (1999) by Governor Tommy G. Thompson and subsequently won election to the position. As district attorney, he was the lead prosecutor on cases as diverse as arson, sexual assault, domestic violence, and white collar crimes. He also served as a front-line prosecutor in Marathon County (1997-1999) and Langlade County (1996-1997) as an assistant district attorney.

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The following is a list of sheriffs who have endorsed Judge Michael Gableman for Supreme Court:

Barron County Sheriff Thomas Richie
Brown County Sheriff Dennis Kocken
Burnett County Sheriff Dean Roland
Chippewa County Sheriff James Kowalczyk
Clark County Sheriff Louie Rosandich
Columbia County Sheriff Dennis Richards
Crawford County Sheriff Jerry Moran
Dodge County Sheriff Todd Nehls
Door County Sheriff Terry Vogel
Douglas County Sheriff Thomas Dalbec
Eau Claire County Sheriff Ron Cramer
Florence County Sheriff Jeff Rickaby
Forest County Sheriff Keith Van Cleve
Green Lake County Sheriff Mark Podoll
Iowa County Sheriff Steven Michek
Iron County Sheriff Robert Bruneau
Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth
Kewaunee County Sheriff Matt Joski
La Crosse County Sheriff Steven Helgeson
Lafayette County Sheriff Scott Pedley

Langlade County Sheriff William Greening
Lincoln County Sheriff Jeffrey Jaeger
Marinette County Sheriff Jim Kanikula
Marquette County Sheriff Kim Gaffney
Monroe County Sheriff Dennis Pedersen
Oconto County Sheriff Mike Jansen
Ozaukee County Sheriff Maury Straub
Pepin County Sheriff John Andrews
Pierce County Sheriff Nancy Hove
Racine County Sheriff Robert Carlson
Rusk County Sheriff David Kaminski
Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier
Shawano County Sheriff Randy Wright
Vernon County Sheriff Gene Cary
Vilas County Sheriff John Niebuhr
Washburn County Sheriff Terry Dryden
Washington County Sheriff Dale Schmidt
Waukesha County Sheriff Daniel Trawicki
Waupaca County Sheriff Brad Hardel

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