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ANTHONY BROWN

Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown has dedicated his life to public service. He understands that in these difficult times, Maryland needs leaders who are willing to stand up, sacrifice their own self-interest, and do the right thing in order to serve our communities. Working in partnership with Governor Martin O'Malley, Anthony has delivered results for Marylanders that have improved our health, strengthened our schools, created jobs, and helped our State weather the most significant economic crisis in generations.

As a Colonel in the United States Army Reserves and one of the nation's highest-ranking elected officials to have served a tour of duty in the Iraq War, Anthony believes our State and our nation are strongest when we embrace the values of individual dignity, shared responsibility and helping the most vulnerable in our society.

Anthony is the proud father of Rebecca (19), Jonathan (13), and stepson Anthony Walker (14). He and his wife Karmen reside in Prince George's County.

The son of immigrants, Anthony Brown was taught the value of service at a young age. Anthony's father, Roy, escaped from poverty in Kingston, Jamaica, to find opportunity in the United States. Roy studied hard and became the first in his family to go to college,

eventually going on to medical school and becoming a physician. Growing up, Anthony watched his father care for residents in some of the poorest neighborhoods and poorest hospitals where he grew up, often for little or no pay.

Anthony's father taught him that you must serve others before serving yourself.

That message stayed with Anthony as he pursued his education. While fortunate enough to attend college at Harvard University, Anthony felt the need to give back to his country. He joined the Army ROTC while an undergraduate, beginning a distinguished military career that has spanned more than a quarter century.

Anthony spent five years on active duty after college, flying helicopters with the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division in Europe.

Upon returning from active duty, Anthony enrolled in Harvard Law School, attending at the same time as other notable leaders, including future-President Barack Obama. At Harvard Law, Brown served as Chair of the Membership Committee of the Black Law Students Association and a member of the Board of Student Advisers, helping to guide the school's policies for its increasingly diverse student body.

Anthony graduated law school and went on to complete a two-year clerkship for Chief Judge Eugene Sullivan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. In 1994, he joined the firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering (now WilmerHale) where he practiced law with the late John Payton, the renowned civil rights attorney and former president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, and with Maryland's former Attorney General Stephen Sachs. In 1998, Anthony received Wilmer's Pro Bono Publico Award for his work in representing indigent clients.

Still, Anthony felt compelled to build on his public service, believing he could effectively work on behalf of his community as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1998, Anthony was first elected to represent Prince George's County as a Delegate from the 25th District. He rose quickly, eventually serving as Majority Whip, the fourth highest position in House Leadership.

As Anthony continued his career in public service, he remained active in the Army Reserves. In 2004, while serving his second term in the House of Delegates, Anthony received orders for mobilization to Iraq. He deployed to Baghdad with the 353rd Civil Affairs Command on September 11, 2004, and served a 10-month tour of duty working with military and civilian officials to deliver humanitarian assistance to the people of the war-torn country. Anthony's distinguished service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom earned him the Bronze Star, the fourth-highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Upon returning home, Anthony picked up where he left off, continuing to serve the people of Maryland in the House of Delegates and becoming a respected voice of leadership on veterans' affairs, health care, and other critical issues. He also championed various economic development initiatives, including overhauling Maryland's Enterprise Zone Program to promote economic growth in distressed areas.

In 2006, Martin O'Malley, then Mayor of Baltimore City and a leading gubernatorial candidate, asked Anthony to be his Lieutenant Governor as part of the Democratic ticket. Together, they defeated Republican incumbent Bob Ehrlich, and succeeded again versus Ehrlich in 2010.

Now in his second term as Maryland's Lieutenant Governor, Anthony has transformed what was once a largely undefined and ceremonial position into one of substance, making great strides for Maryland's working families. Anthony has helped guide our State through one of the most tumultuous times in our history, and Maryland is strong and stable due in no small part to his efforts. Under the O'Malley-Brown Administration, Maryland's schools have been ranked number one for five straight years, and the State has received high ranks for innovation, entrepreneurship, and job growth even through a crushing recession.

Anthony's results-focused approach has served our State well. As chairman of the Governor's Subcabinet on the military base realignment and closure process (BRAC), Anthony successfully led efforts to plan for and coordinate the arrival of 60,000 BRAC-related jobs coming to Maryland.

Anthony leads the O'Malley-Brown Administration's work to improve health care throughout Maryland, having helped expand health coverage to over 391,000 Marylanders, half of whom are children, and leading efforts to implement President Obama's health care reform law. He believes all Marylanders – regardless of race, ethnicity or location– should have the ability to live healthy, productive lives; and has launched the innovative Health Enterprise Zones program to eliminate disparities in health outcomes among Maryland's racial groups and geographic areas.

He has worked hard to improve benefits and services for Maryland's veterans. And Anthony has made it a priority to create Maryland jobs and save taxpayer dollars by increasing private investment in public infrastructure projects, such as roads, schools and bridges.

At every opportunity, whether speaking to members of the faith community or a group of community activists, Brown champions the two issues closest to his heart – protecting victims of domestic violence by providing them with better access to services and greater protection under the law; and encouraging and recruiting families to become foster or adoptive parents.

Addressing domestic violence is a very personal cause for Anthony, whose cousin, Cathy, was senselessly gunned down by her estranged boyfriend. In the wake of her tragic loss, Anthony helped redouble Maryland's efforts to combat domestic violence, fighting for and passing legislation to take guns out of the hands of domestic abusers, improve services for victims of domestic violence and allow domestic violence victims to terminate a residential lease without penalty.

And as an adoptive parent, Anthony recognizes that the most important factor in a child's life is a stable, loving home in which he or she can laugh, learn and thrive. Throughout the year, Anthony visits churches across the state to encourage Marylanders to consider expanding their families through adoption.