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SECRETARY LANDRY ANNOUNCES CATHERINE J. NEWSOME AS APPOINTEE FOR FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana Secretary of State Nancy Landry issued the following statement regarding her appointment of Catherine J. Newsome as First Assistant Secretary of State:

“I am proud to announce that I have appointed Catherine Newsome to be the next First Assistant Secretary of State. She has diligently served as the State Archivist and Executive Director of the Louisiana State Archives for over four years, and she brings fifteen years of legal experience in the public and private sectors to the role,” Landry said. “She has proven herself to be an invaluable member of our department’s staff. Her efforts and leadership on the Operation Geaux Vote Task Force in 2020 and 2021 led to us being able to deliver safe, secure, and accurate elections to the people of Louisiana in two statewide elections following devastating natural disasters. I am confident she will be successful as our next First Assistant Secretary of State.”

Newsome will go before the Louisiana State Senate to be confirmed as First Assistant. She is a graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University and received her undergraduate degree in journalism from Mississippi College. She lives in Baton Rouge with her husband Saul Newsome, who is an international business and national security law attorney, and their three children.

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