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NEW MORNING PRESIDENT & CEO ON THE 2024 ELECTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, SC (November 15, 2024) – Bonnie Kapp, President & CEO of New Morning, which leads a South Carolina contraceptive access initiative that is one of the largest programs in the nation, **issued the following statement today in response to the results of the 2024 election and its impacts on reproductive health in South Carolina:**

"Last week, a long and divisive presidential election came to an end, and with it grew uncertainty about potential restrictions that could limit individuals' uninhibited access to birth control nationwide in the future.

While time will tell how The Heritage Foundation's proposals in The 2025 Presidential Transition Project's publication "*Mandate for Leadership The Conservative Promise*" will be operationalized, at New Morning we pledge to remain fully committed to our mission of ensuring that all South Carolinians have equitable access to medically accurate information about contraception, as well as equitable access to contraceptive services.

Since launching the statewide birth control program in 2017, New Morning has provided vital preventive services to more than half a million women across South Carolina. Our state's historically high rates of unintended pregnancy and unwanted births have plummeted as more individuals and couples have been empowered to control whether or when to start or expand their families. With our dedicated network of more than 120 participating clinics, along with the generous support of foundations and individual donors, we will continue to work tirelessly across party lines to maintain bipartisan support for family planning amongst our state's policymakers.

As the Trump Administration weighs strategies for strengthening families, we urge our nation's leaders to consider expanding access to free and low-cost contraceptive services."