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Rhode Island Electors unanimously cast their ballots for President Barack Obama

PROVIDENCE –In a statehouse ceremony today, Rhode Island’s four electoral votes were officially cast for President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Ballots were signed and cast by the four Democratic electors: Representative-elect Marvin Abney of Newport, Emily Maranjian of Providence and Susan and Mark Weiner of East Greenwich. Ballots were certified by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee and Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis, and then turned over to U.S. District Court Chief Judge Mary Lisi and Providence Postmaster Ronald Pauline for processing according to federal and state law.

“On November 6, the people of Rhode Island chose to move our country forward by voting to re-elect President Obama,” said Rhode Island Democratic Party Chairman Ed Pacheco. “Today’s Electoral College vote for president and vice president of the United States is an important exercise of our electoral system.

“It was an honor to be present at today’s ceremony and bear witness to an historic and integral component to our democracy. I am incredibly proud that the Ocean State’s four electoral votes were cast for Barack Obama and Joe Biden.”

Rhode Island’s ballots will be opened, read aloud, and counted in alphabetical order with the other states on January 6 when Vice President Biden presides over a joint session of Congress.