

Natalie E. Tennant is West Virginia's 29th Secretary of State. Since being elected Secretary of State, Tennant has promoted an open and engaging government and business friendly initiatives. Tennant has brought procedural and technological innovation to her operations including: the implementation of electronic pollbooks; pilots of municipal vote-by-mail programs and leads the country in electronic ballot access for military voters; the introduction of "satellite precinct" voting; and the state's first-ever public financing program for elected office. Tennant oversaw the administration of the unprecedented special election to fill the seat left vacant by the death of U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.

Along with her duties as Secretary of State, Tennant was the first West Virginian chosen for the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowship program. In 2011, the Secretary of State's Office will be hosting the first National Association of Secretaries of State conference to be held in West Virginia.

Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Tennant attended West Virginia University where she earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism and master's degree in Corporate & Organizational Communication. While at WVU, Tennant was selected as the first female Mountaineer mascot.

Following the completion of her undergraduate degree Tennant started her broadcasting career working at television stations in Clarksburg and Charleston. Using this experience, Tennant is co-owner of Wells Media Group LLC, a video production and media training company.

Secretary Tennant currently resides in Charleston with husband State Senator Erik Wells and daughter Delaney.