

## **Michelle McManus for Secretary of State – Introduction bio**

Michelle McManus is the tough, tested and trusted leader Michigan needs as our next Secretary of State.

Born and raised in Northern Michigan, she grew up on her family's cherry farm, where she learned the lessons of faith, family and hard work. She brought those values to Lansing more than a decade ago, and she has put them to work fighting for your right to life, liberty and your pursuit of happiness ever since.

When she's not in Lansing putting her conservative principles to work for Michigan, Michelle still manages the family farm, overseeing the cultivation, harvesting and delivery of more than 200 acres of tart cherries.

Now in her second term in the state Senate, Michelle serves as Assistant Majority Leader and chairs the Senate Campaign & Election Oversight Committee. As chair of that committee, she has worked to bring about responsible, commonsense reforms that will maintain the integrity of public office in Michigan.

She also serves on the Senate Government Operations Committee, the Senate Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she chairs the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee and the Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Michelle graduated from Traverse City Public Schools and Central Michigan University. An avid sportsman, she enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities and is an active member in her community.

She and her husband Keith Nelson live on her family farm in Lake Leelanau with their son, Benjamin, and their two daughters, Jessica and Mary. They attend St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City.