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**STATEMENT BY FRED RYAN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE
RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION AND INSTITUTE
ON THE DEATH OF MICHAEL REAGAN**

Simi Valley, California – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute mourns the passing of Michael Reagan, the eldest son of President Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman, and a steadfast guardian of his father's legacy.

Michael Reagan lived a life shaped by conviction, purpose, and an abiding devotion to President Reagan's ideals. A successful author, nationally syndicated radio talk show host, and sought-after public speaker, Michael used his voice to champion freedom, personal responsibility, and the principles that defined his father's presidency. Yet beyond his professional accomplishments, Michael was, above all, a devoted son and a deeply loyal friend to the Reagan Foundation and Institute.

For decades, Michael remained closely connected to the Reagan Library, faithfully attending each February 6th birthday celebration honoring President Reagan. He was a familiar and beloved presence at Foundation events, welcoming friends, family, and visitors alike. Whether escorting guests through the Library, engaging in heartfelt conversations in the Museum Store, or lingering long after events had concluded, Michael never measured his time—only the meaning of each interaction. He took genuine joy in speaking with visitors who shared their admiration for his father, ensuring that every person felt seen, heard, and connected to President Reagan's enduring story.

President Reagan reflected on his son in *An American Life*, writing of Michael, "When I read his book, I had even more of a fatherly pride in Mike than I had had before.... he was happy and at peace with himself." Those words speak not only to a father's pride, but to the quiet strength and authenticity with which Michael lived his life.

Michael Reagan's passing is a profound loss to all who knew him and to the millions who valued his dedication to preserving President Reagan's legacy. His presence, warmth, and unwavering commitment will be deeply missed at the Reagan Library and far beyond its walls.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute extends its heartfelt condolences to Colleen, Cameron, Ashley, and the entire Reagan family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time of sorrow.

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