



MICHAEL R. PENCE

Vice President of the United States

Michael R. Pence (Republican) was sworn in as the 48th Vice President of the United States on Jan. 20, 2017.

Before becoming Vice President, Pence served as the 50th Governor of Indiana from 2013 to 2017. As Governor, he enacted the largest income tax cut in Indiana history, and also decreased the business personal property tax, corporate income tax and individual income tax rates in order to strengthen the state’s competitive edge and attract new investment and good-paying jobs. Due to his relentless focus on job creation, the state’s unemployment rate fell by 50 percent during his four years in office. At the conclusion of his term, employment was higher than at any point in the state’s 200-year history.

Under his governorship, Indiana invested more than \$800 million in new money for roads and bridges across the state. Despite the record tax cuts and new investments in roads and schools, the state remained fiscally responsible, as Pence worked with members of the Indiana General Assembly to pass two balanced budgets, which left the state with strong reserves and AAA credit ratings. Pence also increased school funding, expanded school choice and created the first state-funded pre-K plan in Indiana history. He made career and technical education a priority in every high school.

Prior to becoming Governor, Pence spent six terms in Congress. He established himself as a champion of limited government, fiscal responsibility, economic development and educational opportunity. He was elected to serve as chair of the House Republican Study Committee and House Republican Conference. During his tenure, Pence helped to make government smaller and more effective and worked to reduce spending and return power to state and local governments.

Pence was born on June 7, 1959, in Columbus, Indiana. At age 17, his grandfather immigrated to the U.S., settling in the Midwest. His parents started a successful convenience store business, and Pence was raised to believe in the importance of hard work, faith and family.

Pence earned a bachelor’s in history from Hanover College and his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law. After graduating, Pence practiced law, led the Indiana Policy Review Foundation and began hosting “The Mike Pence Show” — a syndicated talk radio show and a weekly television public affairs program in Indiana.

Vice President Pence and his wife, Karen, have three children — Michael, Charlotte and Audrey.

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