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## **Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver Calls On New Mexicans to Participate in National Voter Registration Day**

SANTA FE – Today on National Voter Registration Day, New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver calls on all eligible New Mexicans to register to vote or to update their existing voter registration. New Mexicans can register to vote and update their voter registration by visiting the [Secretary of State's website](#).

“I’m calling on all New Mexicans to get registered to vote and to encourage their friends and family to do the same,” said Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver. “Registering to vote is a great first step but it is not the finish line – once registered we need New Mexico votes to get out and vote!”

Only 62 percent of eligible voters in New Mexico cast a ballot in the 2016 General Election. That translates to roughly 6 out of every 10 registered New Mexico voters deciding the outcome of each ballot item for every resident of the state. That number also does not count the thousands of eligible New Mexican voters who aren’t registered.

“Our democracy is at its best when we all do our part in the voting booth,” added Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “While I am pleased with the enthusiasm on display today, all New Mexicans must commit to going to the polls and voting in every single election.”

National Voter Registration Day is a collaboration of volunteers and organizations throughout the United States to create broad awareness of voter registration requirements and opportunities, and to encourage those eligible citizens to get involved in American democracy.

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