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REMINDER: Tuesday Deadline to Register to Vote for 2018 General Election

Tuesday, October 9 Also Marks the Start of Absentee Voting in New Mexico

SANTA FE – Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver reminds all eligible voters in New Mexico that Tuesday, October 9, 2018, is the last day to get registered to vote in order to vote in the upcoming general election.

“Over 29,000 New Mexicans registered to vote or updated their registrations during National Voter Registration Month in September but there is still plenty of time to put more eligible voters on the rolls before Tuesday’s deadline,” said Sec. Toulouse Oliver. “Active voter participation is fundamental to a successful democracy. I urge all eligible New Mexicans to get registered and to vote in every election.”

State law requires voter registration to close once voting begins on the 28th day before the election (§1-4-8(A) NMSA 1978).

Sec. Toulouse Oliver encourages all eligible New Mexicans to use NMvote.org to register to vote or to update their registration online before the Tuesday, October 9, 2018 deadline. To obtain a paper voter registration form, visit any county clerk’s office, the Secretary of State’s office, or many state agencies such as motor vehicle offices and offices offering public assistance. New Mexicans can also contact the Secretary of State’s office by phone at 1-800-477-3632 or by email at sos.elections@state.nm.us for assistance getting registered.

Further, absentee voting begins on October 9th and eligible voters may cast a paper absentee ballot or vote in-person in their county clerk’s office during normal business hours beginning that day. Voters can request an absentee ballot online at NMvote.org or by contacting their county clerk’s office. Any voter experiencing a problem in obtaining their absentee ballot should contact the Secretary of State’s office at 1-800-477-3632 or by emailing sos.elections@state.nm.us.

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