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State Board of Elections celebrates National Voter Registration Day

ALBANY, N.Y. (09/17/2024) Today, September 17, 2024, the New York State Board of Elections joins with the state's County Boards of Elections and election officials across the country in celebrating National Voter Registration Day. Since its introduction in 2012, National Voter Registration Day has been a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to celebrating democracy and reminding Americans to register to vote.

Using volunteers, coordinated media, and a #VoteReady social media campaign, the day aims to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities and deadlines in advance of the General Election. The holiday is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of Election Directors (NASED), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and the National Association of Election Officials (The Election Center).

"We are thrilled to join our partners across the nation to celebrate National Voter Registration Day," stated Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "Today is a great reminder for all eligible New Yorkers to check their voter registration status and update any information if necessary."

"As Americans, and New Yorkers, our right to vote is sacred," said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "The State and County Boards of Elections stand ready to assist any eligible citizens to ensure they can participate in the upcoming November General Election."

To register to vote in New York State, an individual must be a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years old (pre-registration is available to 16- and 17-year-olds) and has been a resident of the state and county, city, or village for at least thirty days prior to the election. The individual may not be incarcerated for a felony conviction or adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court. Lastly, the individual may not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

Eligible New Yorkers may register to vote through the State Board of Elections' [online voter registration portal](#), in person at the County Board of Elections or any state agency designated as a National Voter Registration Act site (such as the DMV or Department of Health), or via mail. A voter can update their registration using those same methods. To check registration status, voters are encouraged to use the State Board's [Voter Lookup application](#).

The deadline to register to vote for the November 5th General Election is **October 26, 2024**. Early Voting will occur from October 26, 2024, through November 3, 2024. Voters in New York are encouraged to contact the [State Board of Elections](#) or their local [County Boards of Elections](#) directly for information about the upcoming election and voter registration to ensure they are #VoteReady before November!

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