

Council Meeting Staff Report

September 6, 2016

Agenda No.: A.

Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: County Council - Regular Session

Legislative File: 8536-16

Title

Proclamation declaring the Month of September "Voter Registration Month" and Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 as "Voter Registration Day" in Los Alamos County (accepted by County Clerk Sharon Stover)

Body

- WHEREAS:** Registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote, thereby increasing participation in elections; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 2012, Americans across the nation have celebrated National Voter Registration Day on the fourth Tuesday in September, serving as a single day of coordinated efforts to raise awareness of voter registration; and
- WHEREAS:** The voter registration process in New Mexico has become more convenient than ever before, with applications available at any county clerk's office, the Secretary of State's office, or many State agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 1, 2016, New Mexico joined 26 other states in providing on-line voter registration, with over 1,000 applications processed by the Los Alamos County Clerk's office in the last eight months; and
- WHEREAS:** Public outreach about voter registration and deadlines is critical as local voters prepare to exercise their right to vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the Month of September as

"VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH"

AND FURTHERMORE, declare Tuesday, September 27, 2016 as

"VOTER REGISTRATION DAY"

and encourage all eligible citizens to register to vote and be active participants in the democratic process.