

Council Meeting Staff Report

August 29, 2017

Agenda No.: C.
Indexes (Council Goals):
Presenters: County Council - Regular Session
Legislative File: 9835-17

Title

Proclamation declaring the Month of September as "Voter Registration Month" and the date of Tuesday, Sept. 26 as "Voter Registration Day" in Los Alamos County (accepted by Naomi Maestas, County Clerk)

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 2,628 electronic applications processed by the Los Alamos County Clerk's office to date; 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 26, 2017 as

"VOTER REGISTRATION DAY"

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

DATED this day of 29th day of August, 2017.