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FAYETTE COUNTY OBSERVES HELP AMERICA VOTE DAY

Uniontown, PA – The Fayette County Election Bureau is preparing for the November 8 General Election by connecting with poll workers and voters on Help America Vote Day.

Observed nationwide on Tuesday, Aug. 16, Help America Vote Day is a supplemental day of action to the United States Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, which is held each January.

"We are encouraging counties to join and amplify our efforts to collectively draw attention to the need for more poll workers," said a joint statement from the EAC and Pennsylvania Department of State.

Fayette County Election Bureau Director Marybeth Kuznik said her office has already implemented many of the outreach initiatives suggested by state officials, in the hopes of reaching more citizens.

"Help America Vote Day is a wonderful opportunity for people to learn about our elections and consider the ways they can help the voting process in their community," Kuznik said. "Good people serving as poll workers make our elections possible. Other than voting in every election yourself, becoming a poll worker is one of the greatest things a U.S. citizen can do to help our democracy."

Anyone interested in becoming a Fayette County poll worker can:

- Visit the Election Bureau website at <u>www.fayettecountypa.org/230/Election-Bureau</u> to access all poll worker and voter resources.
- Visit <u>www.vote.pa.gov/resources/pages/be-a-poll-worker.aspx</u> or <u>www.eac.gov/help-america-vote</u> to learn more about the poll worker registration and training process.
- Follow along with the Pennsylvania Department of State on social media by searching for "@PAStateDept" on Facebook and Twitter.

Poll workers or voters can also observe Help America Vote Day by:

- Using the hashtag "#HelpAmericaVote" on social media.
- Downloading the Help America Vote Day Toolkit for access to shareable resources that can encourage others to become poll workers or register to vote.
- Displaying voter resources in public spaces, such as local businesses.

"Becoming a poll worker is a great way to help protect our elections, meet your neighbors, and serve our country," Kuznik said. "Plus, it's fun and you get paid."

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, Oct. 24, while the last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is Tuesday, Nov. 1.

For more information, contact the Fayette County Election Bureau at 724-430-1289.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit <u>www.fayettecountypa.org</u>.

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