

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

November 2, 2020

as

ELECTION HERO DAY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed challenges to the election process, as well as the health and safety of experienced election workers, which has impacted the recruitment and retention of poll workers who have dutifully served in administering elections for years; and,

WHEREAS, amidst all of the unprecedented changes, election administrators and poll workers - many who are stepping up for the first time - are playing a critical role in ensuring all voters may safely, securely, and accessibly cast their vote; and,

WHEREAS, conducting a safe, accessible, and secure election requires the work of the Secretary of State and their staff, local clerks, clerk office staff, and thousands of poll workers in neighborhoods and community in our state; and,

WHEREAS, in order to administer a safe election, to educate the public, and to recruit and train additional poll workers, election officials have had to go above and beyond in their outreach and planning; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to their heroic efforts, millions have already safely participated in early voting, and more voters are still planning to participate in the 2020 General Election; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, it is important to recognize and honor the hard work and dedication of election administrators and poll workers who ensure the successful and safe operation of this year's election, even in the midst of a global pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2020, as Election Hero Day in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer

Governor