Resolution Declaring Election Official and Election Worker Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the United States Election Assistance Commission first established "National Election Worker Appreciation Week" in November 2004 in recognition of the work of approximately 1,000,000 persons that would serve in that year's presidential election; and

WHEREAS, election workers provide an invaluable function to our country and are one of this country's most valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, election workers are truly the unsung heroes of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, a large pool of new election workers answered the call to volunteer for the November 2020 election due to the risk that COVID-19 presented for the typically "more experienced" election worker population; and

WHEREAS, elections are the foundation of our democracy and election officials work tirelessly to protect this critical infrastructure while maintaining public confidence in the outcome of our electoral processes; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created complexities in the administration of elections requiring election officials to conduct accurate and timely elections while protecting the safety of election workers and the voting public; and

WHEREAS, election officials and workers have met the challenges presented by a global pandemic during a presidential election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Election Assistance Commission proclaims the week of November 1-7 as "National Election Official and Election Worker Appreciation Week;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Election Assistance Commission extends its appreciation and admiration for the election officials and workers of this country and the vital services that they perform in conducting this country's elections.

Adopted by vote of the United States Election Assistance Commission, this 30th day of October, 2020.

Chairman Benjamin Hovland

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