



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

WHEREAS, one of the most fundamental and sacred rights of any representative democracy is the right to vote. In order for our government formed as a representative democracy to function effectively and respond to the needs and intentions of our people, citizens must play a role in shaping it through voting; and,

WHEREAS, in the past decade, voting has become more convenient in Broward County, Florida through the use of more early voting sites over many days preceding elections and ability to mail a cast ballot to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE), yet data proves that too many of our fellow citizens fail to exercise their right to vote, particularly during the electoral process when voting for President of the United States is not on the ballot.

WHEREAS, the November elections in 2020 are of paramount importance, and the outcomes of these elections directly impact the residents of every municipality in Broward County because our local, county, state and national elected leaders are the representatives who make decisions which directly impact our community; and,

WHEREAS, when citizens do not exercise the right to vote, they not only give away their voice for important decisions, they concede their ability to shape the future of our community and the country we love. The right to vote for women and people of color was hard fought over generations, including protests, loss of life and limb, and court battles to ensure that equal protection under the law included the absolute right to vote for every citizen. Beyond the fight to have the right to vote, generations of Americans before us risked their lives on battlefields and the high seas to protect and secure this fundamental right; and,

WHEREAS, registering to vote is convenient, including the ability to register on line through RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov or to apply through a Florida driver license office, a tax collector's office that issues driver licenses or Florida identification (ID) cards, through the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's online website for renewing a driver license or state identification card or through a voter registration agency such as a public assistance office or public library. Additionally, those eligible to vote can also submit a paper voter registration application by mail or in-person; and,

WHEREAS, the deadline to register for the November 2020 General Election is October 5, 2020; and it is vital that we recommit to exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans and take seriously our responsibility to make our voices heard in this election cycle. All citizens eligible to register to vote are encouraged to do so to vote in the 2020 election, not only because every election is important but also because it sets an example for the next generation and pays due respect to those who fought for the right to vote and those who sacrificed to protect and secure our right to vote.

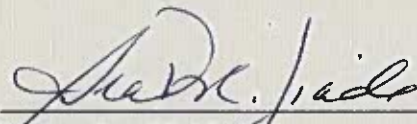
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2019 as

National Voter Registration Day

and encourages the entire community to assist eligible voters to register to vote and that all registered voters exercise their right vote in the November 2020 General Election through mail-in ballot, early voting or in person voting on election day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of North Lauderdale, Florida to be affixed this 10th day of September, 2019.





Mayor Ana M. Ziade