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Sec. Gale recognizes upcoming National Voter Recognition Day

LINCOLN – “With the 2014 election cycle approaching, it is a good time for eligible citizens to register to vote, either for the first time or to make sure their registration information is up-to-date,” says Secretary of State John Gale. September 2013 is National Voter Registration Month as designated by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS).

Gale added, “Updating voter registration information is critical for people who have recently moved, changed their name, or had their voting rights restored under the law. Moving to another city or county within Nebraska impacts your eligibility to vote through use of the new address, unless you re-register. Moving to a different voting precinct within a county will impact where you show up to vote, and whether you will be a provisional voter, unless you update your registration.”

According to the federal government, states reported receiving more than 62.5 million voter registration application forms during the 2012 presidential election cycle. Nearly 24 million of those applications came from new voters. In 2013, it’s estimated that 10.6 million of young adults who are of voting age are eligible, but not yet registered to vote.

“That’s a significant number,” said Gale, “and hopefully those young adults will take the time to ensure they are registered.”

In a concerted effort to remind eligible voters to register and/or update their voting information before deadlines expire, NASS has also declared September 24, 2013

as National Voter Registration Day. Forty-eight states plus the District of Columbia have voter registration deadlines in October.

The Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ne.gov) provides detailed information regarding the voting process. The website includes the Nebraska Voter Registration Application form, an application to request an early voting ballot, addresses and phone numbers for county election offices, and a tool that allows voters to verify their registration status.

Individuals can also register to vote in person at their county election office or motor vehicle office.

Anyone with questions about voter registration can contact their county election office or the Secretary of State's office toll free at (888) 727-0007.

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