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Nebraskans reminded to register to vote in September

LINCOLN – While schools are back in session, community festivals are nearly over and cooler days are just ahead, Secretary of State John Gale hopes Nebraskans will take care of one more task before settling back into a normal routine. September is National Voter Registration Month. Gale says this is when new residents should take the time to complete an application and others should check to make sure their current registration is up-to-date.

Gale is joining other members of the National Association of Secretaries of State in promoting September as National Voter Registration Month by issuing the following reminders:

- Every state with the exception of North Dakota has a registration requirement for voting.
- To register, you need only be a citizen of the United States and be at least 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- Updating registration information is important for anyone who has moved, changed their name or had their voting rights restored since the last election.

“It’s easy to let this simple task slip,” observed Gale. “That’s why the National Association of Secretaries of State feels it is important put the spotlight on voter registration every September. It’s an appropriate time to take care of those updates, especially in years in which there is a statewide election.”

Nearly one out of every seven Americans of voting age who are eligible, are still not registered.

Anticipating the coming launch of Nebraska's new online voter registration system, Gale said this a particularly exciting time as more and more states turn to the web to help register voters in a faster, more secure way. The online voter registration system will launch in Nebraska on National Voter Registration Day, September 22.

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