#### **Our Commitment to Secure and Accessible Elections**



#### An Open Letter to Idahoans

September 25, 2024

Dear Fellow Idahoans,

As the elected leaders responsible for conducting elections in every corner of our great state, we are united in a shared commitment to ensuring the accessibility, integrity, and security of Idaho's elections. While each county in Idaho may differ in size, geography, and population, one thing remains constant: your right to a secure and transparent election process.

No matter where you cast your ballot—whether it's in Boundary County, Bear Lake County, or anywhere in between—you can rest assured that the same principles guide us. We are proud to uphold the 12 Principles of Idaho Elections, which pledge that every eligible Idaho voter has access to the voting process, that strict security protocols protect our elections, and that the outcomes are accurate, timely, and trustworthy.

This pledge represents our ongoing dedication to maintaining the highest standards in election administration so you can always trust the process, no matter where you live. It is our privilege to serve as stewards of democracy, and we take that responsibility seriously. Our elections belong to all Idahoans, and we will continue working to uphold your trust in this vital process.

**Idaho County Clerks** 

Sincerely,

Phil McGrane
Idaho Secretary of State

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# 12 PRINCIPLES of IDAHO ELECTIONS

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## VOTING is Easy

#### Register to Vote

All Idaho Citizens 18+ can easily register:

- Online at Voteldaho.gov
- At your County Clerk's Office
- Same-day at the Polls

Must provide proof of residence and identification

#### **2** Voter Information

- Voter Pamphlet mailed to every Idaho household
- Personalized sample ballots at Voteldaho.gov

#### 3 Vote

Every option to meet your situation:

- Election Day: Polls open 8 am to 8 pm
- Early in-person voting at designated locations
- Absentee Voting: request online at Voteldaho.gov (by request only)

### VOTING is Secure

#### **4** Voter ID Required

Voter ID is required to register to vote:

- Driver's license or Free Idaho ID
- Passport or Federal ID
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Concealed Weapons permit No out-of-state ID accepted

#### 5 Voter Roll Clean-Up

Systematic validation with Driver's License, Social Security, Vital Statistics, Corrections, & Department of Homeland Security

#### **6** Paper Ballots

All votes are recorded on paper ballots:

- The paper ballot serves as the official record
- Creates an auditable document

#### **7** Signature Verification

100% of absentee ballot signatures are compared with voter registration and driver's license records

#### **8** No Internet Connection

Voting tabulation systems are never online

### VOTING is Accurate

#### **9** Voting System Testing

All voting systems tested and certified for use by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and Secretary of State

### 10 Public Testing

 Public Logic & Accuracy testing conducted on all voting systems before each election

#### **11** Post-Election Audits

 Random audits of precincts and counties conducted after each primary & general election

#### **12** Hand Count Audits

- All audits are conducted by a hand count of the paper ballots
- A sample hand count is compared to voting equipment in all recounts

