

# Resolution

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## RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Day is an annual nonpartisan civic awareness day that celebrates our democracy through broad voter registration awareness efforts that showcase available voter registration opportunities; and

WHEREAS, recognized on the fourth Tuesday of September, National Voter Registration Day 2021 will take place on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, with volunteers and organizations seeking to generate voter registration interest by conducting coordinated field, technology, and media efforts; and

WHEREAS, according to 2020 United States Census data, as many as one in four eligible Americans are not registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2012, nearly 4.5 million voters across all 50 states have registered to vote on National Voter Registration Day, including 1.5 million in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, voter registration in Hawai'i is the easiest and the most accessible it has ever been with multiple options available to voters, such as online registration available at [olvr.hawaii.gov](http://olvr.hawaii.gov) and voter registration applications that can be submitted by mail, or in-person, to the county elections office; and

WHEREAS, the United States Election Assistance Commission is an independent, bipartisan commission established under the authority of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and is solely focused on providing resources for election officials and the voters they serve; and

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WHEREAS, National Voters Registration Day has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Association of State Election Directors, the United States Election Assistance Commission, the National Association of Election Officials, and many partner businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Office of Elections has plans to recognize National Voter Registration Day with the launch of its annual Young Voter Registration Program, which is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the election process and to provide voter registration opportunities for Hawai'i's high school students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby recognizes September 28, 2021 as National Voter Registration Day; and
2. That it commits to encouraging and supporting voter registration and voter participation in Hawai'i's elections; and
3. That it commends the efforts of Hawai'i's election officials, civic organizations, and private citizens for promoting and ensuring that every eligible Hawai'i citizen has access to voter registration and the ability to cast a ballot; and
4. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Election Assistance Commission; Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer, State of Hawai'i Office of Elections; the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; and the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i.