

Proclamation



- 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 early voting sites over many days preceding elections and ability to mail a cast ballot to the Supervisor of Elections; and
- WHEREAS:** the November elections in 2018 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 cede their ability to shape the future of our community and the country we love; and
- WHEREAS:** 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; and
- WHEREAS:** registering to vote is convenient, including the ability to register on line through RegisterToVote.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 2018 General Election is October 9, 2018; and
- WHEREAS:** it is equally important that we encourage all registered voters to vote in the 2018 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 I, Mayor Lamar Fisher, along with my colleagues on the City Commission, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2018 as

National Voter Registration Day

In the City of Pompano Beach, Florida

and we encourage the entire community to assist eligible voters to register to vote and that all registered voters exercise their right to vote in the November, 2018 General Election through mail-in ballot, early voting or in person on election day.

DONE this 25th day of September, 2018.

LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR

