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## Maryland State Board of Elections Honors Election Workers on Election Hero Day

**ANNAPOLIS, MD (November 1, 2024)** – In honor of Election Hero Day on November 4, the Maryland State Board of Elections today recognizes the hundreds of Marylanders who are serving as election officials, workers and judges in the 2024 General Election.

"As we approach Election Day on November 5, we honor the dedicated election officials, judges and workers who are the backbone of our democratic process," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "These Marylanders perform critical tasks—setting up polling locations, verifying voter eligibility, assisting voters with accessibility needs and safeguarding ballots—to ensure every voter has the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right. We owe them our deep gratitude for making Election Day possible for us all."

Election officials, judges and workers provide support to voters at Election Day polling places, early voting centers, and throughout the election year. They are responsible for verifying voter registration applications, processing mail-in ballots, checking in voters, ensuring voting machines are working properly and interacting with hundreds of voters throughout the day.

Registered voters can still vote in-person on Election Day, November 5. To find your Election Day polling place, visit SBE's <u>Find My Polling Place</u> portal. Election Day polling places will be open November 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have requested a mail-in ballot, vote the mail-in ballot by either dropping it in a secure ballot drop box before 8 p.m. on Election Day or in a post office box with a postmark on or before November 5. <u>A list of drop box locations is here (en espanol)</u>.

Marylanders can also register to vote the same day they cast their vote. Make sure to <u>bring a document that proves where you live</u> when you <u>visit your local polling place</u>.

Election Hero Day is a nonpartisan, national celebration recognizing the contributions that election officials, their staff, and election workers make to ensure a safe, secure voting experience for all Americans. Taking place on November 4, 2024 - the day before Election Day nonprofits, business leaders, brands, public officials, and more will unite to honor the election heroes in our communities.

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