



**WHEREAS**, the right to vote is a cornerstone of what it means to be a free society, representing the bedrock tenets of equality and civic participation upon which our Nation was founded, and for which many have fought to obtain and protect; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, millions of Americans do not claim their right to vote because they miss a deadline, do not know how to register, or are unaware that they need to update their voter registration information if they change their name or address, and some states have erected barriers that make it more difficult for people to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of our democracy depends on the willingness of residents to participate in the election process by choosing our public servants and voicing their opinions on important matters that come before the voters on Election Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2025, as **National Voter Registration Day**, and encourage all residents to register to vote, review their voter registration status, update their information as needed, and be ready to exercise their most fundamental American right – the right to vote!

  
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September 15, 2025