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Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Recognizes Help America Vote Day to Inspire Civic Engagement in 2026

Santa Fe County, NM – As the 2026 election season begins, the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is recognizing Help America Vote Day on January 27, 2026, a national initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of election workers and encouraging civic participation across the country.

First recognized by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in 2022, Help America Vote Day highlights the critical role election workers play in ensuring elections are safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. The day also serves as an opportunity to encourage community members to get involved in supporting the democratic process.

"Election workers are essential to the success of every election," said Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark. "From setting up polling locations to assisting voters and ensuring ballots are processed correctly, their work helps uphold public trust in our elections. Help America Vote Day is an opportunity to recognize that service and invite more residents to take part."

Election workers perform a wide range of duties, including preparing polling locations, checking in voters, verifying registrations, issuing ballots, and assisting voters with election equipment. Their work helps ensure voters understand the process and are able to cast their ballots confidently and securely.

The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office encourages residents of Santa Fe County to consider becoming election workers and to learn more about how they can support local elections. Training is provided in advance of Election Day, and election workers play a vital role in maintaining the integrity of the democratic process.

For more information on Help America Vote Day and how to become an election worker, visit SantaFe.vote or HelpAmericaVote.gov.

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The EAC serves as an independent, bipartisan commission responsible for supporting secure, accurate, and accessible elections, issuing voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories, and administering federal election grants.

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