## Missoula County Media Release

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## Missoula County Launches New Campaign to Recruit Next Generation of Election Judges

Missoula County is recruiting 800 civically engaged community members to serve as election judges to support the democratic process for the 2018 election year.

It takes a community-wide effort to conduct fair, balanced and organized elections. Election judges are champions of the election process, playing a crucial role in ensuring the strength and integrity of the voting process, providing friendly customer service and in upholding election law.

There are several positions available in addition to election judges, such as polling place managers, poll book judges, and Election Center (Fairgrounds) support staff. This is a paid public service position. Individuals are compensated for their time on Election Day and for the time they spend in training.

There is an ever-increasing demand for election judges in Missoula County. The Elections Office is seeking a new generation of election judges to help serve the voters of Missoula County.

This year, the Elections Office is also partnering with local organizations and businesses in launching a new campaign, "Give a Day for Democracy." This effort encourages local businesses and groups to support their employees and members in serving Missoula voters.

Anyone who is registered to vote in Missoula County and is enthusiastic about the voting process is encouraged to apply. The Elections Office provides a new online class schedule and registration at <a href="https://www.MissoulaElectionJudge.com">www.MissoulaElectionJudge.com</a>. Those interested can also call (406) 258-4751 or email <a href="https://www.missoulacounty.us">electionInfo@missoulacounty.us</a> with their name and contact information. Training is held in February at the Missoula County Fairgrounds and there are a variety of daytime, evening, and weekend classes.

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The Missoula County Elections Office is under the leadership of the Elections Administrator. The Office is responsible for conducting fair and honest elections, and works to meet the needs of 80,000 Missoula County voters. The Election Advisory Committee is made up of citizen volunteers advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. The Elections Office is located within the first floor of the courthouse.