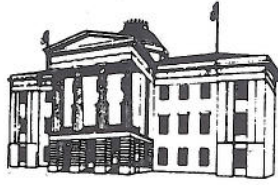


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CITIZENS VOTER REGISTRATION AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a sacred privilege afforded to the citizens of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, to exercise this right, a person must register with the local Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we have more than one million unregistered eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections and the 100 county Boards of Elections are embarking on an effort to reach these unregistered voters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September 2008, the State Board of Elections and the 100 county Boards of Elections will conduct the 10th biennial Statewide Voter Registration Drive during Citizens Voter Registration Awareness Month pursuant to General Statute 163-82.25; and

WHEREAS, by exercising the right to register and vote, citizens of this state can have an impact on the direction of policies affecting North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, by educating our citizens about the importance of voting, election officials can encourage people to register;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "CITIZENS VOTER REGISTRATION AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina. I urge our citizens to take this opportunity to register to vote, and participate in the statewide Voter Registration Drive efforts being conducted by the County Boards of Elections across the state.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.