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### SECRETARY OF STATE TO DISTRIBUTE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS TO ALL SOUTH DAKOTA REGISTERED VOTERS

**PIERRE** – South Dakota Secretary of State Steve Barnett announced today that his office will mail absentee ballot applications to all South Dakotans registered in the statewide voter registration file, with the exception of voters that have already applied for the 2020 election cycle or voters in counties sending applications on their own. “Ensuring every South Dakota voter has access to exercise their right to vote is the goal of all election officials in our state. In response to the current pandemic, we are encouraging all South Dakotans to utilize our state’s absentee vote-by-mail option for our upcoming elections. Absentee ballot applications will be mailed to each registered voter at the mailing address listed on their voter registration form,” Barnett stated.

Absentee ballot applications are set to be mailed between April 17-24. Voters are encouraged to complete their application as soon as possible to allow for delivery and processing times. Once an application is verified by the county auditor, a ballot will be mailed to the voter.

State law requires completed absentee ballot applications to be notarized or include a photocopy of an acceptable photo identification card. Acceptable photo identification cards include a South Dakota

driver's license or non-driver ID card, tribal photo ID, passport or other picture ID issued by the United States government, or a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution. Voters lacking access to a copy machine or notary public may take a photo of their ID using their phone or camera and email it to their county auditor. Please contact your county auditor for more information regarding this option. County auditor contact information can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov).

Voters that don't receive an application due to an undeliverable address and wish to obtain an absentee ballot may request an application from their county auditor or download the form on the Secretary of State's website at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov). South Dakota's primary election will be held June 2, 2020.

**RESOLUTION 2020-6**  
**DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES**

WHEREAS, Dakota Prairie Playhouse located at 1205 N Washington Ave., Madison SD, is currently the polling place for the following precincts:

- Precinct 5—Herman and Winfred Townships
- Precinct 6—Farmington, Leroy, Clarno, and Orland Townships
- Precinct 7—Lakeview Township
- Precinct 8---Ward One in the City of Madison
- Precinct 9—Ward Two in the City of Madison
- Precinct 10—Ward Three in the City of Madison

WHEREAS, the Lake County Commission is required by SDCL 12-14-1 to designate the polling places In Lake County;

WHEREAS, Dakota Prairie Playhouse is not available for the Primary Election on June 2, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Madison Downtown Armory, 120 N Van Eps Ave, Madison SD, is available for use and the Madison City Commission approved this polling place designation at their meeting of April 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Lake County Commission approves the Lake County 4-H Center, 1000 S Egan Ave., Madison SD being a designated polling place;

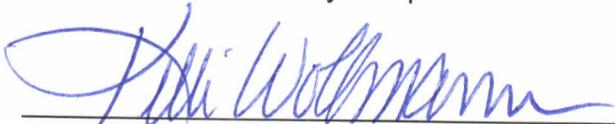
WHEREAS, in accordance with SDCL 12-12-1 the Lake County Auditor will designate each polling place for the Primary Election in a notice for the newspaper and the Lake County website at least once each week for two consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, these designations for the Madison Downtown Armory and the Lake County 4-H Center will only be in effect for the Primary Election on June 2, 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lake County Commission that the polling place for Precinct 8-Ward One Madison City, Precinct 9-Ward Two Madison, and Precinct 10-Ward Three Madison City will be the Madison Downtown Armory and Precinct 5—Herman and Winfred Townships, Precinct 6—Farmington, Leroy, Clarno, and Orland Townships, and Precinct 7—Lakeview Township will be the Lake County 4-H Center for the June 2, 2020.

Voting aye: Hageman, Johnson, Reinicke, Slaughter and Wollmann  
Voting nay: none

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



Chair, Lake County Commission

ATTEST:



Lake County Auditor

