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## SECRETARY MERRILL ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE ELECTIONS CALENDAR

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill announced key dates for 2016 elections, including the hotly contested presidential contest. The schedules comprise dates for placement of candidates on the ballot, filing deadlines, availability of absentee ballots as well as timetables for primaries and the general election, among others.

Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official, said, "No matter where you stand on the issues, next year promises to be an exciting time for our democracy. We urge everyone to get involved, whether that means running for public office, supporting candidates or simply showing up to vote. Knowing these dates is the first step to getting and staying engaged."

The <u>presidential</u> and <u>state election</u> calendars have been posted to the Secretary of the State's website and will be promoted through social media, events and periodic news releases in advance of important dates.

Click here to access the calendars.