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**MERRILL LAUNCHES NEW PARTNERSHIP
WITH AAA CONNECTICUT BRANCHES TO
REGISTER VOTERS ON NATIONAL VOTER
REGISTRATION DAY**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE MARKS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
WITH NEW PARTNERSHIP, VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES FOR NEXT
GENERATION OF VOTERS

HARTFORD: In observance of National Voter Registration Day, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today launched a new partnership with two chapters of the American Automobile Association (AAA) to provide voter registration services to any customer who is eligible to vote in Connecticut. The partnership covers 14 AAA branch offices in Connecticut under the AAA Allied and Southern New England groups. The initiative will enable any customer who is eligible to vote to fill out a voter registration card at their local AAA branch.



These cards will either shipped to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for processing or the voter can choose to mail the cards directly to their registrar of voters.

“I am so happy to partner with AAA to help more Connecticut citizens register to vote,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “So many customers can come into AAA offices and process their paperwork for DMV, and now any AAA customer who is eligible to vote can register at these offices statewide and have those

registration forms shipped to DMV. This is a tremendous help to Connecticut's busy voters and I am very grateful for the partnership."

"When the Secretary of the State contacted AAA and asked if we could offer the additional service of voter registration, of course we said yes, because we are here to help, that's what AAA does," said Amy Parmenter, Public Affairs Manager for AAA Allied Group in West Hartford. "Beginning today, anyone who is eligible who comes into any one of our AAA offices will be able to register to vote. We are very excited about this opportunity!"

"We are very happy to help on National Voter Registration Day making sure that as many citizens as possible register so they can make their voices heard for the municipal elections on November 3rd," said Carole Mulready, President of the Greater Hartford League of Women Voters. "We want as broad a spectrum of voters participating in elections so we can get the government that represents all citizens."

Today is recognized nationwide as National Voter Registration Day, and civic groups and Secretaries of State throughout the country are holding events and voter registration drive to increase citizen participation in elections. In addition to the new partnership with AAA, Secretary Merrill joined students at Middletown High School, Middlesex Community College and Connecticut College. National Voter Registration Day was established by [Non-Profit Vote](#) and the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#), which has also designated September as National Voter Registration month as a way to encourage more voter participation and higher voter turnout. More information about National Voter Registration Day is available by [clicking here](#).

Secretary Merrill is also encouraging Connecticut citizens to find out if they are registered to vote by going online at <http://myvote.ct.gov> where many election and voting related questions can be answered. Merrill reminds all eligible voters that the easiest way to register to vote is by going online <https://voterregistration.ct.gov> – this site is also available through any tablet or mobile device and takes just minutes to register or change a voter's registration status. The deadline to register to vote by mail, online or in-person is Tuesday October 27, 2015. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 3, 2015 for municipal elections in most Connecticut cities and towns.