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MERRILL RELEASES 2013 CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDARS

SECRETARY OF THE STATE POSTS MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDARS ONLINE FOR MAY AND NOVEMBER; ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION TO TAKE EFFECT

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Hartford: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released the official calendars for the May and November 2013 municipal elections in Connecticut. One significant change to the election calendar for 2013 is that eligible voters will be able to register up to and including Election Day starting in November of 2013. Legislation enacting Election Day Registration was approved by the Connecticut General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Dannel P. Malloy this year. Election Day in 2013 will occur on Monday May 6th for a handful of communities and Tuesday November 5th for the vast majority of Connecticut's cities and towns. Along with the release of the 2013 Municipal Election calendars are key dates in the calendars for both May and November, listed at the bottom of this news release.

"Next year will be a historic election year in Connecticut as we implement Election Day Registration for the first time in our state," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's Chief Elections Official. "I look forward to working with our partners in election administration at the local level to make it possible for those late deciding voters to register and vote on Election Day. For a small number of towns, the election calendar will start early. The May election towns will hold primaries for municipal office on March 11, 2013 so campaigns will soon be underway. Important issues like town and school budgets will be on the agenda next year so I urge voters to pay close attention to the issues and the candidates and get involved in the decisions made at the local level that are crucial to our quality of life."

Secretary Merrill has posted the 2013 election calendars online at www.sots.ct.gov or more specifically by visiting these links: 2013 May Election Calendar (Towns of Andover, Bethany, Union and Woodbridge, Boroughs of Bantam (Litchfield), Danielson (Killingly), Fenwick (Old Saybrook), Jewett City (Griswold), Litchfield, Newtown, Stonington, Woodmont (Milford); and 2013 November Election Calendar

2013 Municipal Election Key Dates:

May 6, 2013 Municipal Elections

- Party endorsements completed by January 14-22, 2013
- Primary and nominating petitions filed by February 5, 2013
- Primary: March 11, 2013
- Final Voter Registration Deadline: April 29, 2013

November 5, 2013 Municipal Elections

- Party endorsements completed by July 16-23, 2013
- Primary and nominating petitions filed by August 7, 2013
- Primary: September 10, 2013
- Final Voter Registration Deadline: Election Day November 5, 2013