HOT TIPS FOR VOTING

The rules are set for 2016. Follow these basics:

- 1. Register by <u>Oct. 14</u>. But if you forget, register at an Early Voting location.
- Vote early! If you wait until Election Day, go to your own precinct's poll.
- 3. No photo ID is needed to vote, but new voters should read #8 inside.

Questions? Problem voting?
Call the Hotline: 888-OUR-VOTE
or visit NCVoter.org

- 8. ID RULES. Because of a court ruling, you do NOT need to show an ID to vote except if you use same-day registration (see #5) or if you are a new voter in the county and your registration form was not fully verified. In that case, you will need to show one of the documents in #5 or any current photo ID.
- 9. Vote Early to avoid possible last-minute problems. Early Voting is Oct. 20 to Nov. 5. See NCVoter.org or call your county elections board for Early Voting hours and places.
- 10. Election Day. Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm. Vote at your precinct's poll, not an Early Voting location. For help, call 888-OUR-VOTE. Lines are longest 7 to 9 am and 4 to 7:30 pm.
- 11. Vote by Mail. Any voter may do this. See http://demnc.co/mail for a request form and the rules. Follow them <u>carefully</u>. The request must be received (not just mailed) by Nov. 1.

- 4. Register by Oct. 14. Forms are at libraries or ncsbe.gov. If you register and skip an election, you're still registered; but register again if you move. Check your status at NCVoter.org.
- 5. Use Same-Day Registration if you miss the Oct. 14 deadline. Go to an Early Voting site, fill out the form and show 1 of these with your name & address: a government document, pay stub, utility bill, bank statement, or student ID with a school document showing your address.
- 6. Students. You may register at a campus address if you view it as home OR at another address where you intend to return. A 17 year old who will be 18 on Nov. 8 can register now.
- 7. Welcome Back. In NC, you can register like a new voter after serving a felony sentence, including probation or parole. No extra document is needed. A civil fine, restitution or misdemeanor doesn't block your right to vote.
- 12. Straight-Party Voting is <u>not</u> available. Mark your choice in each race. Flip the ballot over. Review your own ballot at NCVoter.org.
- 13. Helpful Aid. Take a list on paper or your cellphone to help remember your choices. No photos are allowed inside, not even a selfie! If you mess up the ballot, ask for a new one.
- 14. Assist Others. A near family member may help you vote. Voters with a disability or reading hardship may get help from anyone except their employer or union agent.
- 15. Back-Up. If you go to the wrong precinct on Election Day or have a problem at the poll, you have a right to vote with a provisional ballot and to learn if it counted.

