

Monroe County Clerk's Office Recognizes National Poll Worker Recruitment Day On September 1, 2020

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Monroe County Clerk Nicole Browne has announced that her office will observe National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, on September 1st, in an effort to encourage more people to sign up to become poll workers for the November election.

Established by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, National Poll Worker Recruitment Day aims to raise awareness about the benefits and importance of poll working.

"I join EAC Chairman Ben Hovland in recognizing that 'poll workers are the unsung heroes of the democratic process and, right now, we are facing a critical shortage of these dedicated volunteers. Recruiting poll workers is a challenge for many election officials across the country and the COVID-19 pandemic has made this need even more critical. As we welcome the return of Indiana University's student population, we encourage [any registered Monroe County voter] who is willing and able to serve to sign up to help and work the polls on Election Day."

While duties and compensation vary by position, poll workers are tasked with setting up and preparing their respective polling sites, welcoming voters, verifying voter registration information and issuing ballots. Poll workers also help to ensure that voters understand the voting process by demonstrating how to use voting equipment and explaining voting procedures. Election staff provide information and mandatory paid training for poll workers in advance of Election Day. Additionally, all poll workers receive a stipend for meals on Election Day.

We want to elevate and promote Monroe County's strong sense of community while inspiring greater civic engagement to ensure a free and fair election in November.

If you are interested, please contact either Monroe County Clerk Nicole Browne (nbrowne@co.monroe.in.us) or Election Supervisor Karen Wheeler (kwheeler@co.monroe.in.us). Interested parties may also contact Election Central by telephone at (812) 349-2612 or (812) 349-2690.

As all positions are comprised of bipartisan teams, prospective poll workers must declare whether they self-identify as a Democrat or a Republican so that their information can be passed along to the appropriate Recruiter.