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**PRESS RELEASE!!! PRESS RELEASE!!! PRESS RELEASE!!!**

Monroe County Clerk Nicole Browne is pleased to announce the resounding success of a recent post-election equipment audit following last week's Presidential General Election.

The audit was performed on a Monroe County Elections scanner and was conducted in the presence of Monroe County's Election Central staff, Monroe County Election Board Chair Hal Turner, Hart InterCivic Project Manager Drew Stewart (Monroe County's election equipment vendor) and Ralf Shaw, Voter Service Committee Co-Chair for the League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County.

The test was conducted using all in-person ballots cast in Van Buren Precinct 6. The Election Central staff and Chairman Turner sorted through the paper ballots cast, at Grandview Elementary School, to identify all ballots for the precinct. They identified 547 ballots, which matched the number of ballots reported for the precinct on Election Day.

The ballots were scanned on a Central High Speed scanner to compare against the Precinct Scanner result that was used on ED.

The report for Election Day was compared with the report for the audit. The number of ballots counted and the number of votes for each candidate in each race were the same in the two reports—reflecting 100% accuracy in election results.

The Monroe County Clerk, Monroe County Election Board and The League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County stand together in solidarity that there is nothing more paramount than preserving and protecting every registered voter's ability to vote.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the audit process to reassure Monroe County voters that they can have the utmost confidence in their votes having been counted, as they were intended, on Election Day.