

## **National Voter Registration Day**

**September 17, 2024**

Voting is the bedrock to our democracy. Without it, we would not be free, and neither our city nor our country would be able to function democratically. Having a say in your future is a basic human right, and we believe that it should be accessible and protected at all costs.

Centuries of tireless work has expanded voting rights and access. Nevertheless, the systems for participation in our democracy still maintain barriers for access or outright deny many members of our community their right to vote.

Everyone deserves a say in their government, and it is up to us to make sure that voting is a universal right, which includes exercising the right to vote for those who can. While the United States lags many other countries in voter turnout, the state of Colorado leads the nation in voter turnout and universal mail in ballots. According to Ballotpedia, in 2022, about 58% of eligible Colorado voters cast their ballot, representing the 6<sup>th</sup> highest voter turnout rate of all 50 states that year.

We, the City Council of Boulder, declare September 17, 2024, as

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And urge all community members to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



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**Aaron Brockett, Mayor**

