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Secretary Gale encourages voter registration

LINCOLN – With the Nov. 4 general election fast approaching, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale urged qualified Nebraska citizens who haven't done so to register to vote.

The National Association of Secretaries of State has designated September as National Voter Registration Month. "Our national association is making a push to get people to register to vote and then cast their ballots in the November election," Gale said.

Registering to vote is extremely easy in Nebraska, Gale said.

A voter registration application can be found at the secretary of state's Web site (www.sos.ne.gov). In addition, applications are available at numerous locations throughout the state, including motor vehicle offices, banks, post offices and libraries.

For the November election, mail-in registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 17 and in-person registration at county election offices ends at 6 p.m. Oct. 24.

Based on past elections, it is expected that between 80 and 90 million people in the United States – about 40 percent of citizens old enough to cast ballots – won't vote in the November election.

People with questions about voter registration can contact the Secretary of State's Office at (402) 471-2555 or their county election office.

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