



Mayoral Proclamation

Recognizing City Staff and Election Workers for Their Outstanding Performance in Managing, Staffing and Administering the November 5, 2024 General & Municipal Election

- Whereas** open and free elections are at the heart of the American democratic system; and
- Whereas** for our democracy to be successful, elections must be managed and staffed in a manner that promotes participation through efficient voter registration, convenient voting opportunities, and a well-designed and operated system that ensures a safe and efficient voting experience; and
- Whereas** the citizens of Waterville were well informed on how to register to vote and about available options for casting ballots by absentee or in person on election day; and
- Whereas** the successful operation of this most important civic function would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of the staff of the City Clerk's office along with all of the other city employees who helped with various election duties and tasks; and
- Whereas** the assistance from staff in Administration, Assessing, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works made the notifications, preparation, equipment set up, and delivery, and tear down of the voting location allowed for a streamlined process; and
- Whereas** the support of the Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Dispatch and Thomas College Security gave voters and staff a secure voting experience; and
- Whereas** Thomas College provided the use of the Harold Alfond Athletic Center as the City's polling location and Colby College provided the use of a fully staffed shuttle bus at no charge to the city, which provided voters a free bus ride to the polling location for the entire voting day; and
- Whereas** several high school and college students volunteered to participate and assisted with the administration of the election process; and
- Whereas** many election workers came forward to offer their services to assist, not only on election day, but also in the months leading up to election day.

Now therefore I, Michael Morris, Mayor of the City of Waterville on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Waterville, do hereby recognize and thank the city staff and the election workers who devoted their time and abilities to ensure that the November 5, 2024 election allowed the citizens of Waterville to conveniently exercise their right to vote in a safe and efficient manner.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 19th day of November, two thousand and twenty-four.


Michael J. Morris, Mayor

