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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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PRESS RELEASE - - Tulare County Registrar of Voters, Michelle Baldwin, is releasing the daily Tulare County Elections Update.

Tulare County Registrar of Voters continued the Official Canvass process of the November 6, 2018 General Election. Unofficial tally results can be found posted on our election website www.tularecoelections.org. We continue to focus on processing our provisional ballots so we only tabulated 830 ballots today. We did not tabulate any ballots on Wednesday, November 21st so the Eighth Post-Election Night Report is the correct report for tonight's posting.

Staff focused on the following tasks:

- Continued processing the Provisional Ballots involving the review and comparison of each voter envelope to that voter's original registration affidavit and signature on record. This process is required for accuracy of the vote, to ensure each eligible vote cast is counted and to credit each voter for voting.
- Continued the duplication process of more than 1,300 ballots that are damaged or need to be remade to ensure that each eligible vote cast is counted.
- Continued preparing the stipend for the nearly 400 volunteers working the polls on Election Day.

Canvass activities include:

- Completed the 1% Manual Tally process.
- Completed the 100% Manual Tally of the Edge votes.
- Completed the hand count of unused ballots from each poll site.
- Completed importing the rosters from the poll pads.

On September 17, 2018, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (SB 759 as urgency legislation to be effective immediately. SB 759 amends only Elections Code section 3019. It eliminates the prohibition on counting a vote-by-mail ballot if the signature on the identification envelope does not compare with either the signature appearing on the voter's affidavit of registration or the signature appearing on a form issued by an elections official that is part of the voter's registration record. SB 759 requires, among other things, the elections official to follow specified procedures to notify the voter and allow the voter an opportunity to verify (cure) his or her signature before certification of the election.

California Law requires that the election be certified by December 6, 2018.