

## City of East Lansing, Michigan

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE ELECTION WORKERS SERVING IN EAST LANSING

December 6, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the East Lansing City Council recognizes the need for, appreciation of, and the service of election workers; and

**WHEREAS**, many election workers have served in this capacity in East Lansing for several years and remain committed to this important civic duty; and

**WHEREAS**, 2022 marks the first Gubernatorial Election since same-day voter registration and no-reason absentee voting was implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, East Lansing serves a highly transient student population of voters at Michigan State University, where many choose to register to vote and cast their ballots on Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic still presents health and safety concerns that election workers had to face; and

**WHEREAS**, despite challenges, East Lansing was able to count and report its votes in a timely manner without undue delay; and

**WHEREAS**, several employees of the City of East Lansing also played an important role in the administration of the election, with some jumping in at the last minute to assist where needed - Homer Allen, Matt Apostle, Carlos Barajas, Ebani Bassage, Adam Bilyea, Chad Connelly, Adam Cummins, Derrick Dale, Ben Dawson, Rodney Densteadt, Joey DeRose, Cathy DeShambo, Trevor Draper, Scott Dunn, Nicole Evans, Tom Fehrenbach, Nigel Flanagan, Lois Fogarasi, Lizzie Fredrick, Karen Hicks, Brian Hopkins, Annette Irwin, Jim Jennings, Chris King, Ron Lacasse, Katy LaPlante, Wendy Longpre, Peter Menser, Justin Miller, Kathleen Miller, Nicole Mosteller, Morgan Piper, Heather Pope, Chris Smith, Jane Stone, Rebecca Urdiales, Terry Wells, Audrey Wheeler, Leslie Yabs; and

**WHEREAS**, election workers are the unsung heroes of our democracy, putting in countless hours to ensure elections run smoothly and every eligible voter can make their voice heard; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals carry out their duties fairly and impartially. These individuals are community members, neighbors, friends, and family members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Lansing City Council recognizes the hard work and dedication of the election workers in the City of East Lansing who made the November 8, 2022 State General Election possible under unprecedented circumstances.

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Ron Bacon, Mayor

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Jennifer Shuster, Clerk