NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION MADISON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in MADISON COUNTY to vote in the following contests: US House of Representatives District 11, NC State Senate District 47, NC House of Representatives District 118, District Attorney District 35, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 1, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 2, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 3, NC Superior Court Judge District 24 Seat 1, NC District Court Judge District 24 Seat 1, Board of Commissioners, Board of Education Chair, Board of Education District 1, Board of Education District 2, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, six Constitutional Amendments, and Madison County Local Sales and Use Tax referendum.

Official explanations of constitutional amendments can be found at ncsbe.gov/Elections/2018-Election-Information, https://www.madisoncountync.gov/board-of-elections.html, or at **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections office.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 6. One-stop early voting will be held at the Madison County Board of Elections Room 26, Hot Springs Community Center, and Mars Hill Public Library. One-stop early voting will be open from Wednesday, October 17 until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3. All one stop sites will be open weekdays from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on the final Saturday only from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Canvass will be held in the **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 16.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office), and must be received in the **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and witnesses.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

All persons who are registered to vote with the **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 12 to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by October 12 may still register and vote <u>during the one stop early voting period</u>. Persons who register during one-stop will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who must update their name or address must do so by October 12. Voters who fail to make a change in name or address by that time must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the **MADISON COUNTY** Board of Elections Office at **828-649-3731**

Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair MADISON COUNTY Board of Elections