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## Douglas County Clerk Urges Residents to Register to Vote -Special Election Takes Place January 2018

(Roseburg, OR) – December 18, 2017 – Douglas County Clerk Patricia Hitt wants to remind residents to register to vote, because of the special election in January 2018. The last day to register to be able to vote in the special election is January 2, 2018, which is only two weeks away.

"It's our civic duty to be engaged with what's happening, not only in our own backyard, but in our state and nationally. I encourage all residents to get out and vote," Hitt stressed. Oregon residents can <u>register to vote online</u> by visiting the Oregon Secretary of State's website, which makes the process that much easier for people to be involved.

This special election centers around one ballot measure. Ballot Measure 101 asks voters to approve or reject temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income individuals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums. Temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, and other providers of insurance or health care coverage. Insurers may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments.

For additional information, including military/overseas voting guides, please visit the Oregon Secretary of State's website at <u>oregonvotes.gov</u>.

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