

# WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CALLS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY POSTPONEMENT **PRESS RELEASE**

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**LYONS, NY** - The Commissioners and Deputies of the Wayne County Board of Elections call on Governor Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and the State Board of Elections to take all necessary steps to postpone the April 28<sup>th</sup> State Presidential Primary, and consolidate the same with the Unified Primary in June. The joint statement is below:

“We, the Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the Wayne County Board of Elections jointly call on Governor Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and the State Board of Elections to postpone the Presidential Primary Election that is set to take place on April 28, 2020, in its entirety, until June 23, 2020. We call for this action to be taken out of the abundance of public safety concerns at this time.”

“New York State has always celebrated the fact that its elections are fair, open, safe and secure. At this present time all four of these core principles are now threatened by COVID-19. The CDC’s newest guidelines suggest that no more than 10 people be in the same area at one time to stop the spread of this virus. To not take action would result in placing not only the voters of our county in harms way, but also the dedicated election staff and poll site workers. Many of our poll workers are over 65 years old, already placing them in the highest risk bracket. It would defy logic to ask people to come out and vote under these circumstances. Every other layer of society is seeing limits to access, travel, crowds, etc.”

“We strongly urge Governor Cuomo, the State Legislature and State Board to take action **IMMEDIATELY** to postpone the Presidential Primary Election. This will allow local offices, like ours, to stay ahead of this crisis, dispel any confusion and worry, keep our system secure and safe, and allow proper planning to be implemented to make this election successful, moving forward, when conditions have improved.”

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