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MEDIA ADVISORY: 2018 Vermont General Election Audit to Be Held Thursday, November 29

Montpelier, VT – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos will hold the 2018 General Election Audit at 10:00AM on Thursday, November 29th at the Pavilion Auditorium, located at 109 State Street in Montpelier. Members of the public and the press are invited and encouraged to attend.

“Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of our Vermont elections is critical to our democratic process, and to voter confidence in that process,” said Secretary Condos. “That’s why we use paper ballots and conduct a post-election audit after every General Election. We want to ensure that there are no anomalies between official results and audited results, and want to give Vermonters peace of mind in the integrity of our elections.”

Audit procedure includes a top to bottom audit of every race on each ballot cast in a random sample of Vermont towns, conducted by an independent third-party contractor. Vermont towns are required to seal and save ballots for 22 months following an election.

The towns randomly selected for audit of 2018 General Election results are Westford (Chittenden 8-3), Mount Holly (Rutland-Windsor 2), Pittsford (Rutland 6), Hardwick (Caledonia 2), Cavendish (Windsor 2), Arlington (Bennington 4) and Glover (Orleans-Caledonia). These towns represent a geographically diverse sampling and include 6 towns which conduct vote counting by optical scan tabulator and 1 which conducts hand counts.

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