

PROCLAMATION

Office of the County Executive of New Castle County

Be it hereby known to all that
The Honorable Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle County Executive,
issues this proclamation for

National Voters Registration Day

WHEREAS, September 24, 2013 will be recognized as National Voters Registration Day; and

WHEREAS, the fact that Americans are still facing superfluous obstacles and constraints that are created to discourage and restrict them from voting; and

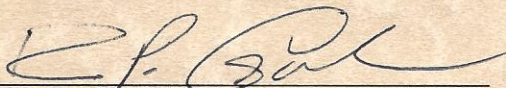
WHEREAS, the 15th Amendment to the US Constitution states: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation; and

WHEREAS, the 15th, 19th, and 26th Amendments in the United States Constitution offer some protection they still do not guarantee all Americans the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, local governments have long played a historic role in being true laboratories of democracy. They have the power to enact laws and procedures for local elections to ensure that every eligible American has the right to vote. We must call upon Members of Congress to support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would grant every American citizen of voting age the right to vote; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas P. Gordon, County Executive of New Castle County, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim that the right to vote is a fundamental right to be cherished, endorsed, protected and exercised; and I support the establishment of a voter registration drive in conjunction with nonpartisan efforts such as National Voter Registration Day.

Presented on this 24th day of September, 2013
by order of the County Executive.



Thomas P. Gordon
New Castle County Executive

