NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF FRANKLIN & TOWN OF HIGHLANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to G. S. 163-33(8) that a Municipal Election will be held on November 5th, 2019, for the Town of Franklin and the Town of Highlands. <u>This Election is only for the registered voters of the Municipalities of Franklin and Highlands</u>. The ballot will include offices for the following: Town of Franklin Mayor, Town of Franklin Council Members and the Town of Highlands Commissioners. This is not a countywide Election.

The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Voters who are already registered to vote need not re-register. Residents who are not registered to vote or those registered that need to make changes must do so by Friday, October 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Town of Franklin voter's polling location is Franklin Town Hall, 95 E Main St., Franklin, NC. Town of Highlands polling location is Highlands Civic Center, 600 N 4th St, Highlands, NC.

<u>One-Stop Early Voting will begin October 16th and continue through November 1^{st} </u>. There will be two One-stop voting locations for this election:

The Macon County Community Building (Robert C. Carpenter building)1288 Georgia Rd. Franklin, NC 28734Dates: Wednesday, October 16th thru Friday, November 1st, 2019Monday – Friday10:00AM until 6:00PM

Highlands Civic Center, 600 N 4TH ST HIGHLANDS, NC 600 N. 4th Street, Highlands, NC 28741Dates: Wednesday, October 16th thru Friday, November 1st, 2019Monday – Friday10:00AM until 6:00PM

There will be NO voting at the Macon County Courthouse. To cast your ballot early you will have to go to 1 of the 2 locations listed above.

Any qualified voter may vote an Absentee Ballot by mail. Absentee ballots will be available starting Friday, October 6th 2019. Absentee ballot requests must be made using a NC State Absentee Request Form. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 p.m., October 29th. Mailed ballots should be returned on or before November 5th by 5:00 p.m., if mailed must be postmarked by November 5th and received no later than Friday, November 8th at 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Elections will meet each of the following dates at 5:00pm for the purpose of approving absentee ballots(if necessary): 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 and on 11/4 at 5pm. Absentee ballots will be counted on Election Day, November 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections office; results will be released at 7:30 p.m. when the polls close.

The Canvass meeting will be held at the Board of Elections Office on Friday, November 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Electioneering is not allowed within 50 feet of the entrance door to the polling place.

This is not a countywide Election, only eligible voters who reside within the city limits of Franklin and Highlands.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, location of polling places and other election matters may be answered by calling the Board of Elections office at 828-349-2034 or visiting our website at <u>www.maconnc.org.</u>

Macon County Board of Elections Melanie D. Thibault, Director