

# PRINCIPLES OF ELECTION/REGISTRATION OFFICIALS

**We subscribe to these Principles:**

- Freedom is an inherent human right, but it is also fragile and can be lost through neglect or misuse.
- Freedom requires responsibility.
- Freedom can best be maintained and nurtured through the democratic process. The success of the democratic process requires fair and open elections which accurately reflect the intent of the electorate.
- Therefore, it is our unique role as election officials to serve as gatekeepers of Democracy.

**I**t is our sacred honor to protect and promote public trust and confidence by our conduct of accurate and fair elections.

**A**s the public's guardians of freedom within a democratic society, we are responsible for the integrity of the process. Our role demands that these principles must be placed above personal or partisan gain.

**N**urturing and protecting Democracy is a team effort in the profession of elections administration. Our task requires wisdom, courage and the desire to remain focused on our vision of free and impartial elections despite changes in our society and its laws.

**B**y dedicated adherence to these Principles and Standards of Conduct, we demonstrate our loyalty to freedom, pride in our profession and a commitment to the excellence of the democratic process.

