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PRESS RELEASE

**Accessible Voting Device Demonstrations
at the Capitol in Boise, Idaho, Friday, July 17th, 10am to 4pm**

On Friday, July 17, the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be celebrated by circling the Capitol for the "Hands Around the Capitol" event in Boise. The ADA was signed 25 years ago by President George H.W. Bush. The ADA guarantees access to polling places and other important public accommodations for people with disabilities. The public is invited to participate starting at 11am with opening ceremonies in Capitol Park.

The Secretary of State will read a welcoming proclamation from the Governor in honor of the "Hands Around the Capitol" celebration.

In conjunction with the "Hands Around the Capitol" celebration, the office of the Secretary of State will host a demonstration of accessible voting devices from five (5) national companies in the Capitol on the 2nd floor of the Rotunda from 10am to 4pm.

An accessible voting device is required by law in all polling places for Federal elections. These devices simply mark a ballot for voters who may have difficulty seeing or marking a ballot. These devices do not tabulate votes. An accessible voting device may be used by any voter to vote privately and independently.

Voting systems are certified by the Secretary of State before they can be used in Idaho elections. Friday's demonstrations are designed to give the public an opportunity to vote on an accessible voting device and provide their comments.

The public is encouraged to attend and help assess the latest accessible voting devices. Escorted tours of the Capitol will be available at 1pm and 2pm.

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