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PROVING IDAHO'S CREATIVITY, SECRETARY OF STATE LAWERENCE DENNEY TO ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP

Boise, Idaho – In an effort to reduce possible obstacles that may keep registered Idaho voters from casting their ballot in the upcoming May 19 primary, Idaho Secretary of State Lawerence Denney has created a rather unique partnership with an unexpected industry to address the concern of return postage on absentee ballots.

Details will be released during a press conference on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 3pm. The press conference will be streamed live on the Idaho Secretary of State Facebook page, where comments will be addressed both live and immediately following.

To vote in the May 19 primary, Idahoans <u>MUST REQUEST</u> their absentee ballot from the county clerk or online through the Secretary of State's website by May 19. Once their ballot arrives at their home, around 10 days following the request, voters fill it out and mail it back to the county clerk using the pre-addressed envelope.

Voters should not wait until May 19 to request their ballot, or delay in voting that ballot before returning it. "Request your ballot today, educate yourself on the decisions that will be on your particular ballot, and then vote that ballot and get it back in" says Secretary Lawerence Denney.

Continuing to provide accommodation for individuals with disabilities remains a priority for both the state and our 44 counties. The specifics of these accommodations will be handled on a county by county basis. Any voters who would normally request assistance for voting or who have accessibility concerns should please directly contact their county clerk's office to discuss what accommodations can be made available. Contact information for each county can be found on their individual websites.

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ABOUT LAWERENCE DENNEY

Lawerence Denney has served the people of Idaho since 1990. His public service began as a representative in District 13 and, following redistricting, he became a representative in District 9 until 2014. During that time, Denney served two terms as Majority Leader and three terms as Speaker of the House before successfully running for state office. He is currently in his second term as Idaho's Secretary of State.

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