

## **South Dakota Secretary of State**

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## Secretary Johnson urges South Dakotans to turn to trusted sources for all election information

(**Pierre, S.D.**) – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson urges voters to confirm the sources of election information they are receiving ahead of the 2024 elections and is joining fellow members of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) in the <u>#TrustedInfo2024</u> voter education effort to encourage citizens to look to election officials as the trusted sources of election information.

"The right to a free and fair election is the foundation of our democracy in our nation," said Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson. "My number one job as Chief Election Officer is to ensure that we conduct fair and accurate elections for the citizens of South Dakota. Our office will continue to focus our resources on the protection of our election systems and overall election security. We remain committed and proud of our involvement at the forefront of election security planning and the start of post-election auditing."

Secretary Johnson and the county auditors stand united in ensuring that elections are conducted transparently and securely in South Dakota. South Dakotans can be assured elections in the state are some of the safest and most secure in the country. The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office, along with local election officials, are continuously working to inform Americans about the elections process, including voter registration, state election laws, polling place locations, post-election processes and much more.

Secretary Johnson's office has created and posted <u>a Guide to Understanding Secure</u> <u>Elections in South Dakota brochure</u>. The brochure outlines different security measures South Dakota has put in place to protect our elections. Along with the brochure, your trusted resources may be found on the Secretary of State's website.

South Dakota citizens may also become more involved in the elections process by becoming an election worker or a poll watcher. You can learn more here or by contacting your county auditor.