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# WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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*County Courthouse ♦ 842 West King Street Boone, North Carolina 28607*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO TEMPORARILY TRANSFER VOTERS TO ADJACENT PRECINCTS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

At their meeting on July 28, 2020, the Watauga County Board of Elections upon a motion of Nancy Owen and seconded by Matt Walpole ; unanimously voted to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 Pandemic has had a widespread impact on communities across the country, and

WHEREAS, we are in a Presidential Election year which produces the largest voter turnout, and

WHEREAS, Elections are the cornerstone of our American Democracy, and

WHEREAS, guidance has been issued by the North Carolina Board of Elections regarding steps to be taken to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on voters and the voting process including Social Distancing, and

WHEREAS, many of the Election Day polling sites are too small to comply with the North Carolina Board of Elections COVID-19 Social Distancing guidelines and

WHEREAS, the Watauga County Board of Education has unanimously agreed to allow the Watauga County Board of Elections to use their Elementary and High School gymnasiums for Election Day Polling Sites, and

WHEREAS, other than Elementary and High School gymnasiums, there is a very limited inventory of spaces in Watauga County which can accommodate voting in accord with the COVID-19 guidance issued by the North Carolina Board of Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Watauga County Board of Election is temporarily transferring voters into adjacent Precincts in order to utilize the large spaces of School Gyms around the County,

Bald Mountain Precinct voters that normally vote at the Todd Fire Department, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent Meat Camp Precinct in order to use Green Valley School Gym as an Election Day Polling Site,

Blue Ridge Precinct voters that normally vote at the Laurel Fork Baptist Church, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent New River 3 Precinct in order to use the Watauga High School Gym,

Boone 1 Precinct voters that normally vote at the County Administration Building, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent New River 2 Precinct in order to use the Hardin Park School Gym,

Laurel Creek Precinct voters that normally vote at the Cove Creek Fire Department, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent Beaver Dam Precinct in order to use the Bethel School Gym,

New River 1 Precinct voters that normally vote at the Boone Town Chambers, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent New River 3 Precinct in order to use the Watauga High School Gym,

North Fork Precinct voters that normally vote at Edgar Eller's Garage, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent Cove Creek Precinct in order to use the Cove Creek School Gym,

Shawneehaw Precinct voters that normally vote at the Matney Community Center, will be temporarily transferred into the adjacent Watauga Precinct in order to use the Valle Crucis School Gym.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT the Watauga County Board of Elections is temporarily moving the Election Day Polling Sites of the following Precincts in order to utilize the large spaces of School Gyms around the County,

Beaver Dam Precinct voters that normally vote at the Beaver Dam Fire Department, will vote at the Bethel School Gym,

Blowing Rock Precinct voters that normally vote at the Blowing Rock Town Hall, will vote at the Blowing Rock School Gym,

Cove Creek Precinct voters that normally vote at the Zionville Fire Department #2, will vote at the Cove Creek School Gym,

Meat Camp Precinct voters that normally vote at the Meat Camp Fire Department, will vote at the Green Valley School Gym,

New River 2 Precinct voters that normally vote at the Boone Town Chambers, will vote at the Hardin Park School Gym,

Watauga Precinct voters that normally vote at the Foscoe Fire Department, will vote at the Valle Crucis School Gym,