**2017 UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL ELECTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR VOTERS COVERED UNDER THE**

**UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)**

**Read carefully and follow all directions**

**Ballots must be received by election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 25, 2017**

***Failure to follow directions may invalidate part or all of your ballot***

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| 1. **VOTE YOUR BALLOT**  * Completely fill in the oval for each race using only black or blue ink pen. * Vote in all columns as applicable. * **Do not** make an X, √, or another mark. **Do not** cross out, erase, or use correction fluid. * **Do not** make any identifying marks on your ballot. * **Do not** mark more choices than allowed for each race (overvote) as that will cause that race only to not be counted.   **SAMPLE OVERVOTED RACE**  **For United States Representative**  **(Vote for One)**  John Doe    Thomas Jefferson  Jane Q Public   * To write in a candidate’s name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the line provided and print the name in the blank space.   **SAMPLE WRITE-IN VOTE**  **For United States Representative**  **(Vote for One)**  John Doe   * If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot, request a replacement ballot from the election office.  1. **PREPARE BALLOT FOR SUBMITTAL (If ballot was received by mail and is being returned via mail)**  * Place VOTED ballot in the SECRECY ENVELOPE and seal. * **SIGN YOUR signature** on the voter affirmation on the back of the Signature Envelope. Failure to sign may invalidate your ballot. * If the signature on the affirmation does not match the signature on file, the ballot may be rejected. * Place the Secrecy Envelope containing your voted ballot into the Signature Envelope and Seal. | * **RETURN BALLOT** * Mail, fax or email your ballot to     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE  Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  City/Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Fax Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * **Ballots must be received at the election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 25, 2017.** *(Note: a postmark cannot be accepted so if you mail your ballot make sure there is enough time for it to reach the election office.)* * Ballots returned by email must be transmitted by the voter by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and received by the election office by 5:00 p.m. the day after Election Day. * Ballots mailed from a U.S. Post Office, an overseas U.S. Military Post Office or an American Embassy or Consulate may be mailed without postage. Estimated postage to return a ballot if not mailed from a listed facility is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.       **TRACK YOUR BALLOT**  You can confirm the status of your  absentee ballot for any Federal Election  on “My Voter Page” found at [sosmt.gov/Elections](http://www.sosmt.gov/Elections).    **VOTE USING THE ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM**  **EAS**Voters covered under UOCAVA may use the **Montana Electronic Absentee System (EAS)** to register and apply for an absentee ballot, and to vote and return a voted ballot via email.  **Find information and access the system at** <http://sosmt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas>  For more information about voter rights under UOCAVA, including the right to conduct voter registration and voting activities electronically, go to sos.mt.gov/Elections or FVAP.gov.  **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE AT:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Election Office  MC900434859[1]  Phone: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Fax: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |