

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held in the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, 517.853.4300, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

ABSENT: Trustee Wilson

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Trezise and supported by Trustee McCurtis

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 as a nonpartisan means of encouraging voter participation and increasing awareness about state requirements and declared September 19, 2024 as National Voter Registration Day; and

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office celebrated the start of National Voter Registration Month on September 4, 2024, encouraging eligible Township citizens to register in September; and

WHEREAS, in a press release Secretary Benson stated: “Our democracy is at its best when everyone has a seat at the table. Michiganders now have more options than ever before to simply and safely register and cast their ballots. National Voter Registration Month is the perfect time to take the first step in exercising your constitutional right by registering to vote and learning more about how to participate in our elections”; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, a resident can:

- Register online at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote) or by mail at least 15 days prior to an election day
- A resident must register in person to vote in the 14 days leading up to an election day
- A resident can register to vote in person up to 8 pm on Election Day at their city or township clerk’s office;
- In late 2023, House Bill 4569 was passed to allow eligible 16 and 17 year olds to preregister to vote; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible to register to vote, the voter must be:

- A Michigan resident and a resident of Meridian Township or their city or township for at least 30 days (when the resident votes)
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age (when the resident votes)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison; and

WHEREAS, residents must provide proof of eligibility and residency to register if registering to vote in the 14 days prior to an election and including Election Day.

Documents submitted as proof of residency must include the voter’s name and current address. Digital copies of documents are accepted. Such documents can include:

- Michigan driver’s license or state identification
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- other government documents; and

WHEREAS, local election officials as well as the Michigan Department of State are the most trusted sources for election information. Residents can find registration information, including the location of their clerk’s office and steps to complete registration, at the Michigan Voter Information Site at [Michigan.gov/Vote](https://Michigan.gov/Vote). To report incorrect election information, please contact [misinformation@michigan.gov](mailto:misinformation@michigan.gov); and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township residents can register to vote at the Clerk’s Office located at 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township residents who need to update their voter information can email the Meridian Township Clerk’s Office at [clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us](mailto:clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us) or call the Clerk’s Office at 517.853.4300 and;

WHEREAS, in addition, [canivote.org](https://canivote.org) is a nonpartisan tool created by NASS in conjunction with state election officials to help eligible voters learn how and where to go vote, and the NASS Elections Committee supports new and innovative methods of registration, as well as continuing efforts by state and local election officials to play an active role in registering qualified citizens; and;

WHEREAS, the need for public information and education on voter registration is extremely critical as Americans prepare to vote and registering to vote, empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meridian Township Board, on behalf of all residents of Meridian Township, hereby proclaims the month of September 2024 as National Voter Registration Month in Meridian Township.

ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee McCurtis, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise

NAYS: None



STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Deborah Guthrie, Clerk  
Charter Township of Meridian