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## Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Releases Statement from State Chief Elections Officials

**CRESTVIEW, FLA**– The Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Paul Lux would like to share the following statement from the Secretaries of State of four states going to the polls on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, regarding the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and elections.

*The following statement is attributable to Secretary of State Kathy Hobbs (AZ), Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee (FL), Elections Board Chairman Charles Scholz (IL) and Secretary of State Frank LaRose (OH): As each of our four states prepare for voters to head to the polls on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, we are working closely with our state health officials to ensure that our poll workers and voters can be confident that voting is safe.*

*Unlike concerts, sporting events or other mass gatherings where large groups of people travel long distances to congregate in a confined space for an extended period of time, polling locations see people from a nearby community coming into and out of the building for a short duration.*

*Further, guidance from voting machine manufacturers on how best to sanitize machines, guidance from CDC on best practices for hand washing, and guidance from our respective state health officials is being provided to every polling location.*

*Americans have participated in elections during challenging times in the past, and based on the best information we have from public health officials, we are confident that voters in our states can safely and securely cast their ballots in this election, and that otherwise healthy poll workers can and should carry out their patriotic duties on Tuesday.*

Early Voting sites will remain open through Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10 am – 6 pm. Voters can direct any questions to the Supervisor of Elections offices at 850-689-5600 or 850-651-7272. Information will also be posted at [www.voteokaloosa.gov](http://www.voteokaloosa.gov) and to the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections Facebook page.

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