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Toulouse Oliver Named Elections Government Sector Coordinating Council Member at Inaugural Meeting

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver was officially named a member of the Elections Government Sector Coordinating Council (GCC) at its inaugural meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday. The 27-member council is made up of state and local election officials and representatives from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), and the International Association of Government Officials (iGO).

“Keeping New Mexico’s elections secure is one of my top priorities, and I am proud to represent our voters as one of the founding members of the GCC,” said Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver. “Given what we know about the bad actors trying to undermine American democracy, state and federal agencies must work together to guard against threats to even a single vote.”

Saturday’s meeting – during which members adopted the council’s first charter – is a major development following a move by DHS in January to designate U.S. election systems as critical infrastructure. GCC members are now charged with improving communication between states and the federal government on issues like cyber threats and improving the overall security of local voting systems.

These are the 27 members of the GCC:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Secretary of State, New Mexico
Lori Augino, Director of Elections, Washington
Mary Brady, National Institute of Science and Technology (ex-officio)
Chris H. Chambliss, Elections Director, Clay County, Florida
Judd Choate, Director of Elections, Colorado
Jim Condos, Secretary of State, Vermont
Edgardo Cortes, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections
Bob Giles, Director, Division of Elections, New Jersey
Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections, Tennessee
Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County, Utah
Thomas Hicks, Vice Chairman, U.S. Elections Assistance Commission
Sarah Johnson, City Clerk, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters, Orange County, California

Bob Kolasky, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Connie Lawson, Secretary of State, Indiana
Linda Lamone, Administer of Elections, Maryland State Board of Elections
Matthew Masterson, Chairman, U.S. Election Assistance Commission*
Christy McCormick, Commissioner. U.S. Election Assistance Commission (ex-officio)
Denise Merrill, Secretary of State, Connecticut
Paul Pate, Secretary of State, Iowa
Noah Praetz, Director of Election, Cook County, Illinois
Steve Reed, Probate Judge, Montgomery County, Alabama
Tom Schedler, Secretary of State, Louisiana
Steve Simon, Secretary of State, Minnesota
David Stafford, Supervisor of Elections, Escambia County, Florida
Todd Valentine, Co-Executive Director, New York State Board of Elections
Linda von Nessi, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Elections, New Jersey
Mac Warner, Secretary of State, West Virginia
Michael Winn, Director of Elections, Travis County, Texas

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