

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 9, 2026, AS
NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION WEEK**

Whereas National Voter Education Week was first launched in 2020 as a nationwide, nonpartisan initiative to help citizens better understand voter registration, their ballot, and the voting process; and

Whereas this annual effort was created to equip voters—especially young people and first-time voters—with the tools and knowledge needed to participate fully and confidently in elections; and

Whereas research published in the *Election Law Journal* has shown that voter education initiatives increase voter confidence in the security and fairness of elections, helping citizens trust that their votes are counted; and

Whereas recent data shows that 47% of young people ages 18–29 cast ballots in the 2024 U.S. presidential election, reflecting increased engagement when voters are informed and supported; and

Whereas the right to vote is a cornerstone of American democracy, ensuring that every citizen has a voice in shaping the future of our communities, state, and nation; and

Whereas an informed and engaged electorate is essential to the health and vitality of our democratic system; and

Whereas communities nationwide join together during this week to promote civic education, encourage participation in elections, and strengthen the foundation of our democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Roger Michaud, Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 5 – October 9, 2026, as:

National Voter Education Week

and urge all residents, public officials, schools, libraries, community organizations, and media to join in providing accurate, accessible information about registration, voting procedures, and candidates in order to empower every eligible citizen to vote with understanding and confidence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, to be affixed this ____ day of September, 2026.

BY:

Mayor Roger Michaud

ATTEST:

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk