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Sec'y of State Jim Condos Thanks Vermont's Hard-Working Town Clerks

Montpelier, VT – Secretary of State Jim Condos would like to acknowledge Vermont's hard working town clerks for their dedication, preparedness, and commitment to ensuring a successful town meeting day and accurate election process.

In addition to their usual duties and responsibilities, our office asked town clerks to participate in a pilot program that would allow online, electronic submissions of unofficial election results (<http://vtelectionresults.com>) as part of an effort to increase the speed and accuracy of election reporting. Participation in this pilot program was entirely voluntary, and the election results are considered unofficial until the canvassing committee releases the official results, which should happen shortly after their meeting on Tuesday March 13.

"We were thrilled with the response from Vermont's town clerks. 77% of our towns (191 out of 246) participated and this exceeded our expectations, considering this was the first use of our new website," stated Secretary Condos.

Equally or even more exciting was the traffic that our site received during the evening. Our elections results page had 2,930 unique visitors accessing 18,500 page views. While the majority of those visits were from Vermont, we received hits from across New England, New York, Connecticut, Florida, California, Washington DC, and Virginia.

"The program required minor tweaking just after the results began coming in, but the system ran smoothly and without error the remainder of the evening and our results, although unofficial, were very close to those of other national media outlets. We consider this pilot a huge success," furthered Condos.

I again want to thank all of our town clerks who participated in this first run, and welcome future increased participation by those who were unable to do so this time.

Secretary of State Jim Condos has over 20 years of elected public service, including 18 years of local government and 8 years as a VT State Senator, in addition to more than 30 years of private sector business experience.

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