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Proclamation for Youth Voter Engagement Day 2018

**PROCLAMATION**

Youth Voter Engagement Day  
July 1, 2018

WHEREAS, 18 to 29 year olds make up an estimated 31% of the electorate yet on average (in the United States) turnout to vote less than 50% of the time (lower than any other demographic); and

WHEREAS, Young people across the United States and our great state of Michigan are constantly feeling more out of touch with the political process; and

WHEREAS, Michigan was the 15th state to ratify the 26th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Activities young people can partake in to increase involvement in our nation's political processes include:

Write a letter to a politician! Be it Governor, Senator, Representative, Mayor, or any other elected official, tell them about an issue you're passionate about.

Call a politician who represents you and talk with them.

Join a campaign or political party.

Join a political organization.

Talk with a friend about politics or have a conversation with someone you ideologically disagree with on a topic.

Learn who your representatives are or pledge to attend a town hall.

Talk about an issue you're passionate about or read a piece of political news.

Register to vote or run for office.

Apply to work for a Government Official in their office.

Work in a polling location on Election Day.

Work to get your neighbors more engaged in politics.

Sign or circulate a petition.

Learn about a political concept you're unfamiliar with.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, do hereby proclaim July 1st as Youth Voter Engagement Day, and encourage the young people of Ann Arbor to engage themselves in our nation's political processes on this day and throughout the year.

I hereby set my hand and seal on  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

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Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor