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PRESS RELEASE

Secretary of State, Ben Ysursa, today encouraged voters to visit www.idahovotes.gov, the official non-partisan election information website for the State of Idaho, before the Primary Election next Tuesday, May 23rd. Polls will be open 8AM to 8PM. On the idahovotes.gov website voters can access current election information and two new features. a statewide polling place locator and information on the operation of the ballot marking device for the visually impaired.

The polling place locator allows voters to find the name and address of their polling place. The polling place locator is also linked to Map Quest to provide a map to a voter's polling place. Links are also provided to the county clerks with phone numbers to further assist voters if they have questions about their registration or their polling place.

Also available on www.idahovotes.gov are instructions on how to use the ballot marking device in both print and audio formats. An accessible ballot marking device, as mandated and funded by the federal Help America Vote Act, will be available in all polling places in the state for the Primary election. The device is intended to assist those voters that may have difficulty seeing, reading or marking a ballot. No votes are stored in the machine. The device marks a paper ballot which will be tabulated as in the past by the election board of each county. Billboards, radio and television advertising have been utilized to inform voters of the accessibility of polling places and the availability of the ballot marking device in the polls statewide.

In concluding his pre-election remarks Ysursa urged a commitment to participate on the part of Idaho voters. He said Idaho's electoral system can only benefit from a strong turnout of informed voters on May 23rd. He encourages voters to visit the website www.idahovotes.gov to receive information on Idaho's election process.