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ELECTION DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) has recently been inundated with queries as to whether the 25th November 2020, the date for the conduct of the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections is a public holiday or not, for which we have indicated the Electoral Act does not make any provision.

The ECN however, is pleased to note that His Excellency the President has declared 25th November 2020 as a public holiday as per the provisions of the Public Holiday Act, Act No. 26 of 1990.

The Commission trusts that this will enable eligible voters who may not be in their constituencies where they are registered as voters, to return to their constituencies to vote, this in turn will increase voter participation as voters exercise their constitutional right to vote. We thus urge every eligible Namibian voter to go out in large numbers to the polling points on 25th November 2020, to cast their votes.

The Commission has also received a number of questions in terms of who is eligible to vote on 23rd November 2020 during Special Voting. In terms of section 98(2) of the Electoral Act, 5 of 2014, a **voter who is employed as a returning officer, presiding officer, polling officer, counting officer, police officer,** may in an election for a member of a regional council or for members of a local authority council, cast his/her vote on a special voting day.

As such, only the category of officials mentioned above are to vote during the special voting with authorization from the ECN.

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