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TVS to be a Partner in National Voter Registration Day Events

Brevard, NC (September 15, 2018) – On September 25, Transylvania Vocational Services (TVS), a social enterprise contract manufacturer in Brevard, NC, will join 2,000 other groups across the country in recognizing National Voter Registration Day. Along with libraries, universities, community organizations, and businesses nationwide, TVS will help adults in the community prepare for this November. Employees will enjoy the opportunity to register on-site, as well engage with Transylvania Board of Elections representatives who will be stopping by to educate them about the process.

Every year millions of Americans don't claim their right to vote because they miss a deadline, move, change names, or don't know how to register in the first place. With over a quarter of Americans not voting at all, National Voter Registration Day is an occasion for community institutions, voters and election leaders to build a more representative democracy.

This November's midterm elections are commonly referred to as off-year elections. Midterm elections typically receive even lower rates of participation because there are no Presidential races to catch media attention.

"These local elections have a direct impact on people's day-to-day lives," said Judd Choate, President of the National Association of State Election Directors and member of the National Voter Registration Day Steering Committee. "They affect our parks and transit systems, the schools our kids attend, police and fire protection, as well as local taxes and the public investments they support."

Since 2012, over 1.4 million people have registered to vote or updated their registration as part of National Voter Registration Day, which is celebrated annually on the 4th Tuesday in September. National Voter Registration Day is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED).

"Voter registration is an important issue," noted Carla Hill, TVS's Program Director. "TVS has been an active part of this community for over 50 years, so we are setting an example. We are participating in National Voter Registration Day this year because voting is a right and a responsibility for everybody."

National Voter Registration Day's vast reach is made possible by a diverse array of nonprofits, civic groups, election leader associations, and media and technology companies. TVS is proud to be counted among these organizations which include United Way, Military Officers Association of America, Alliance for Youth Action, League of Women Voters, VotoLatino, Facebook, Twitter, Country Music Television, BET, Univision, and others.

Visit NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org for a full list of partners and additional information about National Voter Registration Day.

About TVS

TVS is a social enterprise contract manufacturer specializing in the blending and packaging of dry food and beverage products. Founded in 1967, their mission is to provide quality employment, job training and residential & community services to individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. In support of this, TVS established a food manufacturing facility in 2001 to offer a consistent source of

job opportunities. Since then, TVS has produced more than 200 million pounds of dry food and beverage products for the U.S. government alone and has served dozens of commercial customers in the food and dietary supplements industries. TVS employs 150 people at its 65,000 sq. ft. facility in Brevard, where it earned the Brevard/Transylvania Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Business of the Year award. For more information go to www.tvsinc.org

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