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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Clerks

FROM: Lauren Zyriek, Acting Director
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DATE: October 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Oaths of Office to be filed with Petitions

Where a petition for placement on a ballot requires an accompanying oath of allegiance consistent with N.J.S.A. 41:1-1, the petitioner has the option to make a solemn affirmation or declaration in lieu of an oath, and any elections official charged with accepting that petition must accept such solemn affirmation or declaration in lieu of an oath. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6.

"I, , do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm": or,

"I, , do declare, in the presence of Almighty God, the witness of the truth of what I say":

[N.J.S.A. 41:1-6].

In addition, in the affirmation or declaration, the words "so help me God" shall be omitted. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6. Such an affirmation or declaration has the same force and effect as an oath taken consistent with N.J.S.A. 41:1-1. N.J.S.A. 41:1-6.

See attached samples of the oath of allegiance, affirmation of allegiance, and declaration of allegiance.