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New Mexico Citizens Coalition Announces “Citizens Civic War” to start on May 1st

New Mexico Citizens Coalition is a cooperative effort of many Citizens and groups across New Mexico united to bring the citizens voice back to the political dialog of our state.

Citizens Civic War is a grassroots effort to restore integrity to the voting process by requiring photo voter identification in elections held within a municipality or other political subdivision.

Jeanie Coates, a member of the Coalition, said today, “Every poll available shows 70% or more of New Mexicans want this essential protection in place. We are calling this a “Civic War” because we are using the law as it exists, and the rights of the people as established by that law, to bring about a fulfilment of the political will of the people. A political will that has been thwarted and ignored by Santa Fe.”

Media spokesman, Bob Wright added, “Various committees in the Legislature have tabled this long over-due protection for many years. Thereby, denying the people’s representatives the opportunity to vote and fulfill their constituents’ directives.”

Starting May 1, the Citizens Civic War will have **members** in 25 or more towns and cities across New Mexico. They will begin the process of citizens’ initiative by obtaining from the city clerk, an approval of their petition. Following this formality, these **members** will begin gathering the necessary signatures to fulfill statutory requirements for passage of this initiative.

Ms. Coates observed, “An effort this large, spanning our great state, will make a statement about New Mexico citizens’ commitment to honest elections and their impatience with the foolish political games played in Santa Fe, with our precious right to vote.”

Ms. Coates added, “We are still accepting **members** across the state to participate in this effort. Those wishing to participate as a member or just looking to sign the petitions, should contact:

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