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Lake County Voters Lead State in Early Voting Turnout

Lake County voters have set the state record for interest in early voting for the November general election. With 369,853 registered voters, Lake County had 18,436 voters choosing to vote at one of the 23 early voting sites around the county. The percentage of early voters is 5% of the total registered voters. Lake County has an additional 8,300 voters who have chosen to vote absentee, either by mail or in person. Absentee voting continues until close of business on Monday, November 6.

With 1.3 million voters, Cook County had 31,598 early voters, which equates to 2.4 % turnout. DuPage County with 529,756 registered voters posted 21,818 early voters for a 4.1% participation. Will County has 344,000 voters with 0.9% voting early or 3,000 and the City of Chicago had 24,800 of the total 1.36 million registered voters participate in early voting for a 1.8%.

County Clerk Willard Helander noted that the high level of voter participation in Lake County is attributed to the availability of voting at convenient sites in all areas of the county. The Clerk's office also mailed notices to each household with registered voters and political campaigns have promoted early voting as a convenient option. For more information about voting, visit www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck to see your sample ballot and for directions to your polling place on Election Day.

For more information about voting, call 847-377-2410.