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**Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder encourages online voter registration through www.arapahoevotes.com**

**Littleton ---** Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty said Tuesday that she is extremely pleased that Colorado is joining the growing number of states to offer online voter registration to our citizens.

“Many of our young people today are not attuned to filling out paper forms and an ever growing share of our populace is performing functions online that have historically been paper based,” said Doty.

The online voter registration option is available for Colorado citizens who have a valid Colorado driver’s license. The voter registration system links to the driver’s record to validate the voter’s information and pull the signature for the voter file.

“The signature is very important to the Elections function as so many of our voters are voting by mail and the signature verification is a key element of our security and validation process,” Doty added.

In addition to being more convenient for the citizens, several of the states that already have online voter registration have realized significant savings in the cost of processing voter registrations, according to Doty.

Voters may also use the online function to make address changes, change party affiliation or request a mail ballot for up coming elections.

“This is a great opportunity for savings,” she said. “In 2009, we processed approximately 170,000 voter registration additions or changes and in a major election year the number is even higher.”

Online voter registration can be accessed through www.govotecolorado.com or www.arapahoevotes.com.

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