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## **Statement from the NAACP Illinois State Conference of Branches**

The NAACP Illinois State Conference of Branches reminds all Illinois residents that early voting is now underway and represents a critical opportunity for citizens to make their voices heard in our democracy.

In Illinois, early voting begins 40 days prior to Election Day and continues through the day before the election. This expanded access to the ballot reflects our state's commitment to ensuring that every eligible voter has a fair and convenient opportunity to participate.

The NAACP has always stood on the front lines of protecting voting rights. From the struggle against voter suppression to advocating for equitable access to the ballot box, our mission remains clear: to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all people.

We strongly encourage all eligible voters to:

- Verify their voter registration status
- Make a voting plan
- Take advantage of early voting if Election Day presents scheduling challenges
- Assist family members and neighbors in accessing accurate voting information

Your vote is your voice. It is power. It is legacy. And it is one of the most important tools we have to shape policies that impact our communities.

The NAACP Illinois State Conference of Branches remains committed to ensuring that every voter can cast their ballot free from intimidation, misinformation, or unnecessary barriers.

We urge every citizen: participate, stay informed, and exercise your constitutional right to vote.

In solidarity,

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