

## PUBLIC NOTICE SECRETARY OF STATE PASSWORD BREACH

In June, the Colorado Secretary of State's Office unintentionally posted voting system passwords to the public-facing website; these system passwords allow access to a computer's underlying software and firmware. County clerks were made aware of this issue on October 29.

It is important to note that someone cannot use these passwords to access the systems remotely, an individual must have physical access to the equipment, which is under 24/7 video surveillance.

Secretary of State Jena Griswold has posted information regarding the password breach from her office <a href="here">here</a>.

Late that evening of October 29th, the Colorado Secretary of State's office notified the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder that the password breach did not affect Moffat County voting equipment. However, our office maintains physical security practices, including managed keycard access to voting equipment areas, security seals, and access logs. We have verified all access logs and will continue that practice through Election Day and the Risk-Limiting Audit, canvass, and certification.

"Rest assured, Moffat County election officials take this incident and all election systems and procedures seriously and will continue to closely monitor the situation. I will continue to be vigilant about security of voting as well as transparent and forthcoming about any issues for Colorado voters," said County Clerk Stacy Morgan.