

## **Launching of the Campaign for the Legislative Elections - April 9, 2017**

### **Letter from Ambassador Madjid Bouguerra to the Algerian Community living in the United States**

Washington, March 29, 2017

My Dear Compatriots,

As you know, our country will soon hold legislative elections that are very important for its future.

Next May 4, the Algerian people will be called upon to elect their legitimate representatives at the People's National Assembly to a five-year term, in a new political context highlighted by a revision of the Constitution, whose first anniversary we celebrated this past February 7 as the crowning event of a process of significant political reforms initiated by His Excellency the President of the Republic with the objective of further consolidating the foundations of our young democracy, giving greater preeminence to the rule of law, and strengthening national unity. Among such major historic reforms, we can proudly underscore the establishment of the Higher Independent Election Monitoring Authority, a body including equal numbers of magistrates and representatives from civil society and entrusted with ensuring transparency and probity of the elections.

Therefore, the May 4 elections will be held within a wholly renewed legislative framework, thanks to the establishment of the Higher Independent Election Monitoring Authority and the adoption of the new Electoral Law of August 16, 2016, and will oppose candidates from more than 60 political parties and independent lists.

With regards to Zone IV, an electoral district covering the American Continent and the rest of Europe, except France, and whose Washington, D.C., headquarters also host a team representing the Election Monitoring Authority, 12 political parties will be competing for the votes of our compatriots residing in those areas and for the two seats attributed to this Zone in the redistribution of representation.

His Excellency the President of the Republic has solemnly pledged that the legislative elections will be completely fair, impartial and transparent.

As for me, I pledge to do all that is required to enable you to take part in this major electoral consultation for our country.

To that end, polling stations will be opened from April 29 to May 4 in Washington, D.C.; Raleigh, N.C.; Denver, CO; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; San Francisco, CA; Boston, MA; Jersey City, NJ; New York, N.Y.; Houston, TX; Philadelphia, PA; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Seattle, WA; and Ann Arbor, MI.

**Polling stations will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to enable you to take part in this election.**

On May 4, vote counting will take place according to the Electoral Law in all polling stations and in the presence of the presidents and members of the polling stations, representatives from the parties, and members of our community

My Dear Compatriots,

While admittedly our country still faces multiple challenges, it nonetheless advances continuously on the path of affirmation of democracy and progress. This legislative election is another opportunity for our country to demonstrate yet again that it is always in sync with History. Therefore, your support for this election and your full involvement in it are of the utmost significance for the future of our country.

My Dear Compatriots,

Decade after decade, you have always demonstrated in exemplary manner the depth of your commitment to your country, particularly in times that have marked and still mark its history. Moved as you are by your strong sense of patriotism, you have always responded present when your country called, thus admirably demonstrating that you deeply and intrinsically share in the destiny of our Great Nation.

This is why I am deeply convinced that a great many of you will show up at the polling stations to take part in these legislative elections, not only to fulfill a civic duty but also and above all to demonstrate once again your faith in the future of your country and your commitment to be involved in the great endeavor of building an Algeria that is stronger, more prosperous, more stable and more democratic.

Madjid Bouguerra  
Ambassador