

This was a truly historic election. During the worst public health crisis we have seen in our lifetime, Michiganders everywhere made a plan to ensure their voice was heard in November. A record-breaking 5.5 million Michiganders cast their ballots for President, U.S. Senate, Congress, and state and local races.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and her team worked 24/7 to ensure a fair, secure, and accurate election - and they succeeded. Likewise, Attorney General Dana Nessel worked tirelessly to protect the right to vote. And our election workers and local clerks stepped up and did their part to ensure everyone's voice is heard.

Today, Michigan's 16 electors will vote to finalize Michigan's election results. I want to thank each and every one of you for traveling here today to perform your patriotic duty. Our American democracy was founded on the principle of majority rule. 5.5 million people from all walks of life and all corners of the state - Republicans, Democrats, and Independents - cast their votes in the November election. Michigan has chosen a clear winner for the office of president of the United States, and for every elected office down the ballot.

The people have spoken. It was a safe, fair, and secure election – it was the kind of election our founding fathers envisioned when they built this country. And after today, the results will be final. It's time to move forward together as one United States of America.

Now is the time for us to put this election behind us and focus on defeating our common enemy: COVID-19. Over the weekend, the first shipments of the FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine left Michigan. Right here, in a state built on innovation and grit, the safe and effective COVID vaccine is being manufactured by Michigan workers at a Michigan business. Our state is at the center of the world right now – in a good way. FedEx and UPS came together to help distribute the vaccine – putting their competitive nature aside for the common good. If they can – Republicans and Democrats can do it too.

No matter your party, no matter who you cast your ballot for, we all have a personal responsibility to eradicate this virus together. So stay smart, mask up, and let's get to work.

Nominations are now in order for the office of chairperson of the 2020 Presidential Electoral College. I recognize Chuck Browning, Elector at Large for the purpose of a nomination.