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Media Alert

## **VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUESTS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**<sup>ND</sup>

Indian River County, FL – Leslie Swan, Supervisor of Elections for Indian River County, reminds all registered voters in Indian River County, that they have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to request a vote-by- mail ballot. Requests can be made in person at the Elections Office, by mail, online at <u>VoteIndianRiver.com</u> or by phone at (772) 226-3440. The Indian River County Elections Office is currently delivering vote-by-mail ballots for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election and will continue mailing ballots upon request, as long as the request is received by the deadline - Wednesday, November 2, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

Vote-by-mail ballots are not forwardable, meaning they may not be sent to an address other than the address on file with the Elections Office, without written authorization from the voter. In order for a completed vote-by-mail ballot to be counted, the certificate on the backside of the return mailing envelope must be signed and the voter's signature must match their signature on record. Since it is common for signatures to change over time, voters are encouraged to update their signature by submitting a voter registration application and checking the "record update" box.

Voters may deposit their completed vote-by-mail ballots at all three early voting sites. Vote-By-Mail Drop Boxes will be provided during voting hours. A permanent drop box is available at the Supervisor of Elections office. Voters also have the option of mailing their completed ballots to the Elections Office, which requires \$0.68 postage.

Florida law allows any qualified voter to request a vote-by-mail ballot, and all vote-by-mail ballots will be canvassed despite closeness of any race. To check the status of your mail ballot, visit <a href="www.voteindianriver.com">www.voteindianriver.com</a> and click "Vote-By-Mail Ballot Tracking".

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