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4TH INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIAL TO ACHIEVE CERA CERTIFICATION

Kathy Crockett, Voter Registration and Candidate Coordinator with the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office, was among 57 elections administrators nationwide to recently achieve designation as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA). The induction ceremony took place during the 29th Annual National Conference of the Election Center at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, Georgia on August 16th. The Election Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, and improving democracy. Its members are government employees whose profession is to serve in voter registration and elections administration.

There are over 21,000 election officials nationwide, and only 800 have achieved the coveted CERA Certification. CERA certification is attained by completing a professional education program of college level instruction. The courses focus on professional growth and development of government officials who work in the areas of elections and voter registration.

The certification program is taught by the master's in public administration faculty of Auburn University in Alabama. The curriculum encompasses 12 core courses focusing on voter registration, elections law, planning, communications, voter participation and ethics. "This is the highest designation available to elections and voter registration officials," said R. Doug Lewis, director of the Election Center.

Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, said "Mrs. Crockett is the fourth election official within the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office to achieve CERA Certification. Our goal in Indian River County is to constantly participate in continuing educational programs so that we are on the cutting edge of elections administration."



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