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Media Alert

21,000 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS EN ROUTE

Indian River County, FL – Indian River County voters should expect to receive their vote-by-mail ballot in the coming days. Florida election law states that vote-by-mail ballots for domestic voters must be mailed between 28 and 35 days prior to Election Day. On Tuesday, October 4th the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office delivered to the post office their initial mailing of 21,541 ballots for the November 8th Presidential Election.

All registered and eligible voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Requests can be made online, in person, by phone, fax, mail, or email. Call (772) 226-3440 or visit www.voteindianriver.com and click "Request a Vote by Mail Ballot". By law, mail ballots cannot be forwarded and can only be delivered to the address on file with the Elections Office, so it is important to verify that the address on file is correct.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the Presidential Election is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. After November 2nd, voters may pick up a ballot at the Elections Office. Those who wait until Election Day must vote at their assigned voting precinct.

Completed vote-by-mail ballots must be placed in the official return envelope provided, and the certificate on the backside of the envelope must be signed by the voter in order for the ballot to be counted. Florida law requires that the signature on the ballot certificate match the signature on the voter's 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/change" box.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters who wish to return their voted ballot by mail should adhere \$0.68 postage to the mailing envelope. Voters also have the option of delivering their voted mail ballot, in person, to any of Indian River County's three early voting sites (Supervisor of Elections Office, Indian River County Main Library and Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers), during early voting hours. In addition, a 24-hour drop box is available at the Supervisor of Elections Office. To track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot, visit VoteIndianRiver.com and click "Vote-By-Mail Ballot Tracking".

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