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Media Alert

AUGUST 1ST VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Indian River County, FL – Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan reminds Indian River County residents that they **MUST** be registered to vote by August 1st in order to be eligible to vote in the August 30, 2016 Primary Election. In accordance with Florida Statute 97.055, the registration books close on the 29th day before each election. Once the registration books are closed, voter registration and party changes may be accepted for the purpose of future elections only.

Florida is a Closed Primary State: All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, are eligible to vote in universal primary contests, nonpartisan races and on ballot questions. Since Florida is a Closed Primary State, only voters registered within a candidate's respective party are eligible to vote in partisan races. Therefore, it is important to verify your party affiliation prior to the August 1st registration and party change deadline.

To be eligible to vote in this election, voters must be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen, a legal resident of the State of Florida and Indian River County. Persons who have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting must have their right to vote restored before they are eligible to vote.

Voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections office, public libraries, county offices, city halls or state agencies that provide public assistance. Applications are also available on the Supervisor of Elections website at www.voteindianriver.com. Completed applications must be signed, dated and returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by the close of business on Monday, August 1, 2016.

It is important to keep your voter information up to date. The information you provide determines your voting precinct and voter eligibility. Registered voters may check their status at www.voteindianriver.com. To do so, click "Am I Registered?" on the website. Then, insert your last name, birthdate and the house number of your address and follow the online instructions.

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