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Media Alert

FEBRUARY 16TH 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 February 16th in order to be eligible to vote in the March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference 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 runs closed Primary Elections, therefore voters may only vote for party candidates of the party for which they are registered. Registered Democrats will receive a Democratic ballot; registered Republicans will receive a Republican ballot. Voters registered with a minor party or no party affiliation, are not be eligible to vote a Democratic or Republican primary ballot.

The Town of Indian River Shores will have a Referendum for voters in Precinct 16; this means that all voters, regardless of party affiliation, who reside in Precinct 16, will have the opportunity to vote for or against the Referendum.

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 Tuesday, February 16, 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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