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Media Alert

## **ELECTIONS OFFICE INVITES ALL TO CELEBRATE THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN VOTING IN FLORIDA**

**Indian River County, FL** – On Friday, June 19, 2015, Leslie Swan, Indian River County’s Supervisor of Elections is partnering with the City of Fellsmere to ring in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women Voting in Fellsmere and the state of Florida. This celebratory event is open to the public and will be held at the Fellsmere City Hall Auditorium (Old Schoolhouse Building), located at 22 South Orange Street, from 10 to 11 a.m.

In a charter that was hurriedly passed through and approved by the legislature, former Governor Park Trammell, made it possible for Mrs. Zena Dreier to cast her ballot in favor of making Fellsmere a town on June, 19, 1915. Thus, Mrs. Dreier was the first women to cast a ballot without restrictions in Fellsmere, in all of Florida, and even south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Special guests, former County Commissioner Fran Adams, Mayor of the City of Fellsmere Susan Adams and the Honorable Alma Lee Loy will be ringing in the celebration with a brief history of the Birthplace for Equal Suffrage for Women in Florida, Historic Marker Recitation, commemorative proclamation and voting machine dedication.

Please join Leslie Swan and the Supervisor of Elections Office in honoring Mrs. Zena Dreier and Fellsmere’s founder, Edward Nelson Fell, whom led the state in creating a path for women to vote freely well in advance of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

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