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Supervisor of Elections Office Completes Petition Certification

Indian River County, FL – The Supervisor of Elections Office announces that candidate petitions for the 2018 General Election cycle have all been certified. In lieu of paying a fee, candidates may qualify to have their name placed on the ballot by collecting petitions. A candidate must obtain a specified number of signatures from voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought.

May 21 was the deadline for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to submit their signed petitions to the Supervisor of Elections for verification and certification. To date, the Indian River County Elections Office has certified 17,634 candidate petitions for the 2018 election cycle.

The Elections Office also certifies initiative petitions. In Florida, the people have a right to propose amendments to the Florida constitution through an initiative petition process. The number of signatures needed for an amendment to appear on the ballot is based on eight percent of the voters who cast votes in the last presidential election. In addition, the signatures must come from voters in at least one-half of the congressional districts of the state. Indian River County has verified 3,229 initiative petitions for certification this year.

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