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## League of Women Voters of Florida supports National Voter Registration Day: September 24

Local Leagues will hold events around the state to register voters

**Tallahassee, FL --** On Tuesday, September 24, the League of Women Voters and its state and local affiliates will join together with volunteers, activists and other organizations from across the country to participate in National Voter Registration Day, a nation-wide day of action to register voters. In 2008, six million eligible voters did not cast a ballot because they missed the voter registration deadline or did not know how to register. Hence the idea for a National Voter Registration Day was born, a non-partisan effort which aims to ensure no eligible voter is left out of the democratic process.

"Voting is about making sure you have a say in the future of Florida," offers Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida. "We've made it super easy to update your registration, or even register for the first time!" Florida voters can log on to <a href="Vote411.org">Vote411.org</a> register to vote or check the status of their voter file.

In June of this year, Dr. Stephen Ansolabehere, professor of Government at Harvard University, testified to the Presidential Commission on Election Administration that every four years, on average, half the population changes residences. Every time a person moves, they must update their voter file to reflect this information. Tuesday's day of action will be an opportunity for those who have changed their address to make sure that their file is up-to-date.

"Florida is known for its close elections," says Charley Williams, Voter Service Chair for the League of Women Voters of Florida. "Of course if you aren't registered, you can't vote. Make sure your voting information is up-to-date and your voice is counted!"

This year on National Voter Registration Day, over 280 Leagues from 43 states will join with more than 800 partners to register Americans to vote. That means that the League is likely to be the single largest on-the-ground presence for the second year running. Local League chapters in Florida will be registering voters at college

campuses and other venues around the state. League events across Florida can be found at <a href="NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org">NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org</a>.

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The League of Women Voters of Florida, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy thorough education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. With 31 affiliates across Florida, and 800 across the U.S., the League is one of the nation's most trusted organizations. Learn more at: www.TheFloridaVoter.org.