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League of Women Voters of Florida, Chambers, and business leaders to hold news conferences on Medicaid expansion *Organizations urge Florida legislature to accept federal money for expansion*

WHAT: The League of Women Voters will hold two news conferences with key representatives from business, health and civic interests to address Florida's inaction to date on Medicaid expansion and speak to the business and economic justifications for the state's acceptance of Medicaid expansion funds.

Event 1: St. Petersburg

WHEN: Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 10:30 AM

WHERE: North Straub Park
St. Petersburg, Florida

WHO: Featured speakers include:

Deirdre Macnab, President, League of Women Voters of Florida
Chris Steinocher, President & CEO, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Edward Briggs, President, Florida Nurses Association
Dr. Manuel Sykes, President, NAACP St. Petersburg Chapter
Dr. Lawrence Floriani, Deputy Director, Doctors for America

Event 2: Miami

WHEN: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM

WHERE: University of Miami, Life Science & Technology Park

1951 NW 7th Avenue
Miami, Florida

WHO: Featured speakers include:

Florida state Representative Jose Javier Rodriguez
Carlos Migoya, CEO of Jackson Health System
Marisel Losa, Health Council of South Florida
Jack McRay, Advocacy Manager, AARP Florida

ABOUT: In anticipation of tomorrow's October 1st start date for enrollment in the healthcare marketplace, the League of Women Voters of Florida has organized two news conferences on Medicaid expansion, calling attention to the fact that the Florida legislature has yet to find a solution to the pressing problem of Florida's uninsured. Expanding Medicaid in the state of Florida would bring an estimated \$51 billion in federal money into the state over the next 10 years, provide much needed healthcare to nearly 1 million of Florida's most vulnerable citizens, and, by some estimates, create over 120,000 jobs in the state. The issue was not resolved in the 2013 legislative session, and with committee weeks underway, there is no better time to bring this to light. The news conferences will feature industry leaders and healthcare experts, who have all come together to emphasize the health and economic benefits of expanded access to Medicaid and to call on Florida's elected officials to accept the federal money for the expansion promptly.

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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.