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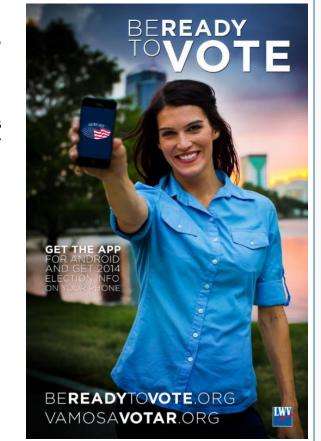
Be Election-Ready for the August Primary -- Only 10 Days Left!

Tallahassee, Fla -- With Florida's Primary Election quickly approaching (August 26), the League of Women Voters of Florida wants to make sure every voter is prepared. Elections give voters the chance to change their state and their communities, and the League is offering some tips to help voters get ready for the primary. Absentee ballots have already been mailed to voters who requested them, and by Saturday, August 16, early voting will have started in all of Florida's 67 counties.

- 1. Florida offers 3 ways to vote: by mail, early, and on Election Day.
- 2. By Saturday August 16, early voting will have started in all of Florida's 67 counties. Voters who have moved or who need to update their voter registration record can do so by contacting their local Supervisor of Elections.
- 3. Voting in the primary is critical. Even voters registered as NPA (no party affiliation) may have important nonpartisan races to consider such as those for circuit and county court judge as well as for county and city commission.

The last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to your residence is

Wednesday, August 20th. Voters choosing to vote by mail can track their ballot online via their Supervisor's website.



"After submitting your absentee ballot, call your SOE or go online to see if your ballot has not only been received but marked 'accepted' by your Supervisor's office," said Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida.

"With absentee voting rising in popularity, it is important to ensure that those ballots have been received and accepted. If voters forget to sign the outside of their absentee ballot envelope, they can still take action to get their vote counted."

As part of its mission to educate voters, the League is also offering nonpartisan voter guides in 15 Florida counties. These guides, along with contact information for each Supervisor of Elections office, can be accessed at

<u>www.beareadytovote.org.</u> Floridians can check their voter status online as well as find locations and hours for early voting. BeReadytoVote is available in both English and Spanish (www.vamosavotar.org) and as an app for Android.

"The Florida Primary is about matters impacting your daily world," said Charley Williams, Voter Service Chair for the Florida League. "Roads, schools, courts, justice, safety and water quality: it doesn't get more local than this. As the adage says, 'If you're not voting, then who are you electing?' "

Remember, Election Day is the last day to vote. Don't miss a single election. Be Ready!

Floridians can call the League's voter service hotline at 1-855-FL-VOTER with their election-related questions, or visit www.BeReady toVote.org for more information.

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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 through education and advocacy. For more information, please visit the League's website at: www.TheFloridaVoter.org.