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Mail Ballots Sent for the November 3 General Election

Marion County, FL. September 24 -The mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail ballots to all domestic voters is between the 40th and 33rd day before the election. Our office began mailing domestic ballots today, 40 days before the election, to voters who requested vote-by-mail for the November 3 General Election. UOCAVA ballots were sent to military and overseas voters a week earlier.

The popularity of vote-by-mail continues to rise with a record of 79,860 requests from Marion County voters. The deadline to request a mail ballot for the General Election is October 24 by 5 p.m. Requests can be made by visiting www.VoteMarion.Gov, emailing VoteByMail@VoteMarion.Gov, or calling 352-620-3290. Voters are reminded to verify their mailing address is current. The United States Postal Service cannot forward vote-by-mail ballots.

Voters must sign the back of their return envelope to ensure their ballot is counted. The signature provided on the return certificate envelope is verified against the signature on the voter's record. Voters can update their signature by submitting a new Florida Voter Registration Application, available at www.VoteMarion.Gov or in person at the Elections Office or any public library or tax collector office.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. The USPS encourages voters to mail their ballot early to ensure timely receipt, at least a week prior to Election Day. Mail ballots can also be returned to a secure Ballot Drop Box located at the Elections Office, 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala, and at each Early Voting site during Early Voting hours.

Voters can continue to check their mail ballot status on the Supervisor of Election's website www.VoteMarion.Gov but now have the option to sign up for email, SMS (text), or voice call alerts at www.MarionBallotTrax.com. Information about how to sign up will be included in the mail ballot packets, along with a highly requested I Voted sticker, for the first time.

For additional information or questions, please contact our office at 352-620-3290 or visit www.VoteMarion.Gov.

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