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Mail Ballots Sent for the August 18 Primary Election

Marion County, FL. July 9 - Our office began mailing Domestic vote-by-mail ballots today, 40 days prior to the Primary Election. UOCAVA ballots were sent to military and overseas voters last Thursday. Overall, nearly 60,000 vote-by-mail requests were received for the Primary Election. In comparison, approximately 40,000 vote-by-mail requests were received for the 2018 Primary and 31,000 for the 2016 Primary. A postcard was sent in May to all Marion County voters without a vote-by-mail request, as a reminder that vote-by-mail is a convenient and secure option for voting.

The deadline to request vote-by-mail for the Primary is 5 p.m. on August 8. Voters can request or track their vote-by-mail ballot at www.VoteMarion.Gov. Requests can also be submitted by 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.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. The USPS encourages voters to mail their ballot early to ensure timely receipt. Voted mail ballots can also be returned to the 24/7 secure ballot drop box at the Elections Office or at any open Early Voting site.

Voters must sign the back of their return envelope to ensure their ballot is counted. The signature provided on the vote-by-mail 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's office.

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

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