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August 18 Primary Update for Marion County Voters

Marion County, FL. July 27 - Elections are critical to our community and democracy, even during unprecedented times. Supervisor Wilcox is planning and making preparations to ensure Marion County voters can safely exercise their right to vote, amid the challenging environment.

Local elections have a huge community impact, yet only a small percentage of registered voters participate in local primaries. On August 18, Marion County voters will elect Congressional and State Representatives, State Senator, Property Appraiser, County Commission Districts 1 and 3, Circuit Judge, and School Board District 1. All registered voters in Marion County regardless of party affiliation will have something to vote for. Voters can view their sample ballot at www.voteMarion.Gov/MySampleBallot.

Voters will still have three options for casting a ballot in the August 18 Primary (Vote-by-Mail, Early Voting, or Election Day) and are strongly encouraged to choose their voting preference in advance. Voters who choose to vote in person should expect potentially longer wait times due to preventative measures being implemented at Early Voting and Election Day voting locations.

Voters who wish to vote-by-mail should request their ballot ahead of the 5 p.m. August 8 deadline. Voters can request or track the status of their vote-by-mail ballot at www.VoteMarion.Gov. Requests can also be made by emailing VoteByMail@VoteMarion.Gov or calling 352-620-3290. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day and can be returned by mail or in person to any open Early Voting site or the Elections Office, 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala.

Voters who prefer to vote in person are encouraged to vote during Early Voting which begins Saturday, August 8 and continues through Saturday, August 15. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters can cast their ballot at any one of the nine open Early Voting Locations. The least busy locations are Forest Public Library, Reddick Community Center, Silver Springs Shores Community Center, and Dunnellon Public Library.

Voters who prefer to vote in person on Election Day, Tuesday, August 18 are required to cast a ballot in their home precinct. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all of Marion County's 122 precincts. Several polling locations have moved and affected voters were mailed a new voter information card. Voters are encouraged to look up their assigned voting location in advance at www.voteMarion.gov/MyPrecinct and continue to monitor our website for any changes or updates.

For more information, visit <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov</u> or call 352-620-3290.

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