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FNA, League of Women Voters launch voter registration drive

Campaign is the first for Florida's nursing profession

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Nurses Association, in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Florida and four nurses organizations, today kicked off the profession's first voter registration drive targeting more than 250,000 registered nurses.

"Florida Nurses: We Care, We Vote" is a non-partisan effort to engage nurses in the 2012 elections. Other nurses groups joining the campaign are the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Florida Network of Nurse Practitioners, the Florida Gerontological Nurses Association and the Florida Student Nurses Association.

"It's difficult to ignore the voices of more than 250,000 registered nurses," said FNA Executive Director Willa Fuller. "By showing that nurses care *and* vote, we think politicians will be more likely to pay closer attention to the issues that affect us, our patients and our profession."

Voter registration forms will be available this week at the following locations:

- Jacksonville University, School of Nursing, 2800 University Blvd., 2nd floor, Jacksonville
- Jackson & Joyce Dentistry, 1910 SE 18 Ave., Ocala
- Rasmussen College of Nursing, 2100 SW 22 Place, Ocala
- Florida Nurses Association, 1235 E. Concord St., Orlando
- University of Central Florida, College of Nursing, 12201 Research Parkway, 3rd Floor, Orlando
- Miami Children's Hospital Doral Outpatient Center, 3601 NW 107 Ave., Doral
- Haile Village Bistro, 5323 SW 91 Terrace, Gainesville

League of Women Voters members will collect completed registration forms and return them to local supervisors of elections offices. One week from today is the voter registration deadline for the Aug. 14 primary election.

"This is a critical election season, and the League of Women Voters encourages all eligible citizens to make their voice heard by getting their vote counted," said LWVF Executive Director Jessica Lowe-Minor. "We are thrilled to partner with the Florida Nurses Association and nurses throughout the state to ensure that health care professionals are fully prepared to participate in the democratic process this election season."

To learn more about Florida Nurses: We Care, We Vote, please visit www.we-care-we-vote.com.

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