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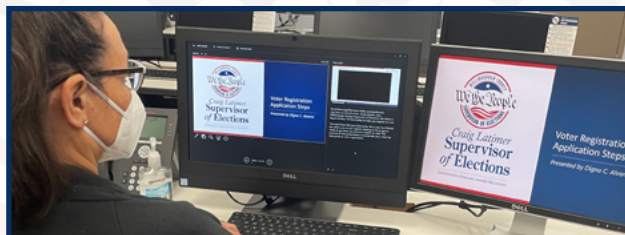
National Voter Registration Day



Last month, we were out in the community celebrating **National Voter Registration Day** – encouraging citizens to get #VoteReady by registering to vote or checking their voter information to make sure it's up to date. Since its inception in 2012, nearly 4.5 million people have registered to vote on this holiday.

I look forward to National Voter Registration Day every year and am thankful for our local partners who always help make the day a success. This year's participants included the University of South Florida, University of Tampa, Hillsborough Community College, Riverview Public Library, Saunders Public Library and the Blind Tiger Café.

We also hosted virtual registration drives at Spoto and Strawberry Crest High Schools. In fact, Strawberry Crest High School generated the largest turnout of the entire day – *an impressive 104 new registrations!*

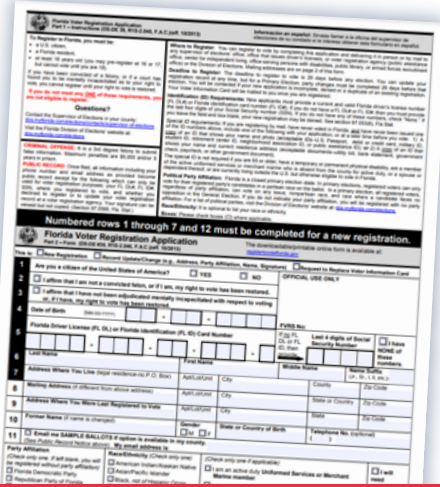


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National Voter Education Week

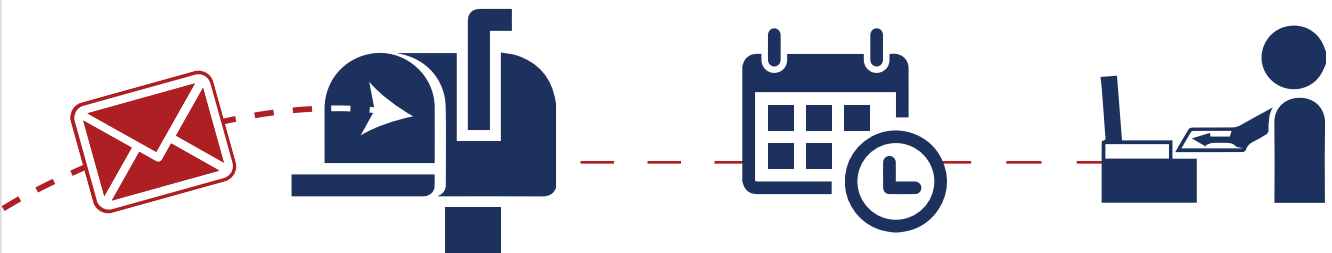


We ended September with National Voter Registration Day and started October with another voting holiday – National Voter Education Week. National Voter Education Week was first launched last year as a digital campaign to educate voters on what they need to do after they've registered to vote.

Throughout the week, we highlighted important information to help you prepare to be #VoteReady for next year's elections. If you're following me on social media, you know what I'm talking about. If you missed our campaign, today is a great day to start following.

Beyond educating voters, this week also highlights the importance of getting accurate information from reliable sources. In a time where that can sometimes be a difficult task, **I am urging you to get the answers you can trust from me, your Supervisor of Elections.**

NATIONAL VOTER EDUCATION WEEK



High School Voter Registration



Twice a year, we host voter registration drives at Hillsborough County's public high schools. During these visits, we give a brief presentation and help students fill out their registration applications. Students 16 years of age or older can pre-register to vote and the day they turn 18, they are automatically eligible to vote.

Something else is in it for the schools, too – the three public schools with the most successful voter registration drives will receive plaques in front of the School Board, as well as serious bragging rights!

the last word

In addition to the high school registration contest, don't forget about my art contest! I am asking students to design a custom 'I Voted' sticker. Visit VoteHillsborough.gov/VHContests for details.

