

POSTAL SERVICE ENCOURAGES VOTERS TO MAIL EARLY

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — With millions of return ballots expected to be mailed during the election season this fall, the U.S. Postal Service is encouraging voters to mail early.

Voters are asked to mail completed absentee ballots at least one week before they are due to ensure the safe, timely delivery of their vote. Mailing well in advance of election dates accounts for any unforeseen events or weather issues and ensures that each returned ballot will be transported, processed and delivered in time to be received and processed by elections officials.

“The Postal Service is steadfast in its commitment to the democratic process and in delivering the most fundamental symbol of democracy – a ballot,” said USPS Gulf Atlantic District Manager David Martin. “We are proud of the important role the U.S. Mail plays in the election process and we are committed to providing voters with the service they expect and deserve.” The Postal Service’s Gulf Atlantic District encompasses territories in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

Americans overseas, including men and women in the Armed Services and Diplomatic Services, should plan on sending ballots back at least two weeks before July 26, the date of the primary runoff election. A detailed mailing deadline list by APO/FPO/DPO location can be found at www.usps.com/electionmail.

The Postal Service offers the following suggestions for voters this election:

Make sure to use proper postage and that the stamp appears in the upper right hand corner on the front of the envelope.

Place completed ballots inside the envelope correctly. Most return envelopes for ballots have a clear window on the front so the mailing address can be clearly seen.

Check with local election offices for rules on requesting and completing absentee ballots.

For more information governing voting by mail, visit Georgia’s Secretary of State website at: http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/2016_election_dates

- The date of the 2016 Primary Election is August 30, 2016. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to you is 5PM on August 24, 2016. For more information contact the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office at **407-836-VOTE (407-836-8683)**.
- Vote-By-Mail ballots may be returned **POSTAGE FREE** to Orange County Supervisor of Elections.
- Verify your voter registration status online at www.ocfelections.com today!