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FRRC Announces Voteteenth: It's Time to Free the Vote

FRRC is raising funds and awareness to pay the fines and fees of Florida returning citizens for the October 5th voter registration deadline

Miami, **FL** – Voteteenth, brought to you by the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, is a day of action and celebration to advance the modern day struggle for voting rights in America. Just as in 1865, when enslaved persons learned their freedom was granted two years prior, today, there are millions of Americans unable to vote, including 1.4 million Floridians.

WHO: <u>Desmond Meade</u>, Founder, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition;

Scott Budnick, civil justice activist and producer

Flo Rida (Tramar Lacel Dillard), Florida musician and activist

WHAT: Voteteenth: It's Time to Free the Vote

WHEN: Saturday, September 19th

WHERE: On Voteteenth, we will rally artists, influencers, activists and others to

get involved and support FRRC's efforts to protect the vote and defend

democracy in the November election.



The Issue

We are officially less than 20 days from the October 5th voter registration deadline in Florida and the U.S. District Courts just <u>upheld</u> barriers to voting for hundreds of thousands of people with past convictions. Amendment 4, passed by nearly two-thirds of Florida voters, granted 1.4 million returning citizens (formerly convicted persons) the right to vote when they returned to their communities. FRRC is more committed than ever to Freeing The Vote, so every citizen can participate in democracy.

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About The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety. For more information, visit https://floridarrc.com/.