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GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY ANNOUNCES FLORIDA COUNTY CHAIRS

Boston, MA – Today, Governor Mitt Romney announced the campaign's first group of Florida County Chairs. These 59 individuals will lead the campaign's efforts in nearly half of Florida's 67 counties. They will build and expand Governor Romney's grassroots infrastructure across the state, helping to share his vision for America's future with more Floridians.

"We have a strong and growing organization in the Sunshine State, and I am honored to have the support and commitment of these Floridians," said Governor Romney. "This group of dedicated individuals will spearhead our local efforts to reach out to Florida voters as I continue to aggressively campaign in this important state."

These county leaders join a Florida organization that includes an accomplished Florida Steering Committee and a Florida Statewide Finance Team comprised of more than 80 business and community leaders from across the state. The Florida Steering Committee is led by former Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings and chaired by former Speaker of the House Allan Bense, Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles Bronson, former Chairman of the Florida Republican Party Al Cardenas, U.S. Congressman Tom Feeney and former Speaker of the House John Thrasher.

"As Governor Romney campaigns in Florida and across the nation, voters are learning why he is the best choice to lead our nation and the only candidate that can bring strong, new leadership to Washington," said former Lt. Governor Toni Jennings. "With our primary now moved up to January, this impressive team of county leaders will recruit new supporters and volunteers to help secure victory for Governor Romney in Florida."

Governor Romney's Florida Steering Committee is also co-chaired by St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker, State Representative Jennifer Carroll, former State Representative Dudley Goodlette, David Griffin, State Representative Anitere Flores, former Secretary of State Glenda Hood and former Republican Party of Florida Chairman Van Poole. Additionally, Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite serves as a member of Governor Romney's Congressional Whip Team.

Governor Romney's Florida County Chairs:

Bay:

- Bo Rivard
- Mike Duncan

Brevard:

- Palm Bay City Councilman Andy Anderson

- Dr. Matthew Collins

Broward:

- Former Broward County Property Appraiser Rocky Rodriguez
- Miramar City Commissioner Troy Samuels

Charlotte:

- James Wessels
- Ronald Johnson

Citrus:

- Deborah Ressler

Clay:

- Marge Hutton
- Gordon Jespersen

Collier:

- Walter Mihailovich
- Mark Fruehan

Duval:

- Jacksonville City Councilman Art Shad

Escambia:

- Father Jack Gray
- Lyn Hart

Gadsden:

- Former State Representative Bev Kilmer

Hernando:

- Hernando County Commissioner David Russell, Jr.
- Laurie Pizzo

Highlands:

- Highlands County Republican Executive Committee Vice-President Marvin Kahn
- Ted Poliac

Hillsborough:

- Bill "Hoe" Brown
- Anne Voss

Indian River:

- Indian River County Commission Chairman Gary Wheeler

Jackson:

- Seabron Fears
- Debbie Dennis

Lake:

- Former State Senator Dick Langley
- Dan Robuck

Lee:

- Shirley Gerstenberger
- James Green

Leon:

- David Bishop
- Mandy Clark
- Tom Rush

Manatee:

- Former State Representative Mark Flanagan

Marion:

- Marion County Tax Collector George Albright

Martin:

- Martin County Republican State Committeeman Robert Stilley
- Martin County Republican State Committeewoman Mary Lynn Magar

Miami-Dade:

- Theresa Ashkar
- Andreina Figueroa

Orange:

- Ken Wright
- Orange County Republican State Committeeman Jerry Braley

Palm Beach:

- Palm Beach County Republican State Committeeman Peter Feaman
- Palm Beach County Republican State Committeeman Fran Hancock

Pasco:

- Pasco County Commissioner Ann Hildebrand

Pinellas:

- St. Petersburg City Councilman Bill Foster
- Clearwater Mayor Frank Hibbard

Polk:

- Polk County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Eric Allen
- Fernando Valverde

Santa Rosa:

- W. Timothy Weekley
- Douglas Broxson

Sarasota:

- Jeff Gunderson

- Lorraine White
- Darren Dixon

Seminole:

- Seminole County Young Republicans President Jason Brodner
- Seminole County Republican Executive Committee Vice-Chairman Ariel Gaussart
- Seminole County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Jim Stelling

St. Johns:

- Young Republican National Federation Executive Director and St. Johns County State Republican Committeeman Jon Woodard

Sumter:

- Sumter County Republican Executive Committee Chairwoman Ellen Hoffman

Volusia:

- Volusia County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Jim Coffield

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