



**MEDIA ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT HOSTS “BE ELECTION READY”  
EVENT AT MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND**

Miami, FL - With voting season around the corner, the Miami-Dade County Elections Department will hold a “Be Election Ready” event on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting “Be Election Ready” event including hands on demonstration of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) touchscreen voting machine with audio ballot. Miami Lighthouse visually impaired program participants will be trained how to register to vote, confirm or update their voter information and the many ways to vote including voting by mail, early voting and the use of accessible voting machines on Election Day.

Miami-Dade County has made provisions to ensure everyone, including voters with disabilities, has the ability to cast their vote. For instance, every polling location is equipped with an ADA touchscreen machine offering an audio ballot specifically for voters with vision impairments. “Reinforcing our civic duty and right to vote to our blind and visually impaired participants is very important this election season, and we thank the Miami-Dade County Elections Department for taking the time to ensure our visually impaired clients learn about the voting process,” said Virginia Jacko, President & CEO of Miami Lighthouse.

Miami Lighthouse clients will take part in the “Be Election Ready” experience that will not only be educational, but it will also reinforce Miami Lighthouse’s motto—it’s possible to see without sight™. Media is invited to attend and should contact Cameron Sisser in advance of the event.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 16, 2016  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Voter Outreach  
10:30 a.m. – Welcome by Carolina Lopez Deputy Supervisor of Elections  
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – “Be Election Ready” Demonstration

**WHERE:** Miami Lighthouse for the Blind  
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Miami FL 33130

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