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## **Local Leaders announce 1st Annual Day of Service, Voting Awareness: “Desmond Meade Day”**

**Orlando, FL (September 8, 2020)** — On September 10th at 10 a.m, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRRC) leader Desmond Meade will join Orlando Magic Coach Steve Clifford and other community leaders in announcing the first annual Desmond Meade Day, a day dedicated to serving the community through education, voting rights and homeless support. The press conference will take place at FRRRC’s headquarter, located at 4081 LB Mcleod Road, Orlando, FL.

Desmond Meade Day serves as a call to action for local residents to actively and positively impact the surrounding community. That is why Meade, Clifford, and others will then progress in a day of service with a local youth center and homeless organization, all while remaining dedicated to implementing change through voting and serving the community. These efforts will include a large financial donation by Clifford to the local youth center.

“An act of service is the difference between making a change in the community and being content with challenging issues that plague a community,” said FRRRC’s Executive Director Desmond Meade. “Through getting out in the community and helping others use their voice, a positive change will come”.

As general elections approach, FRRRC is also continuing to expand the organization’s voting registration efforts to impact change and encourage voter participation. Desmond Meade Day will also serve as a day to announce a statewide “Day of Action” on October 24, galvanizing new voters to vote early on that day. More information about FRRRC’s Day of Action will follow in upcoming days and weeks.

“I am excited to get out and serve our community on Desmond Meade Day,” said Clifford. “We are going to serve others and fulfill the mission of the Orlando Magic and FRRRC campaign of “Get off the Bench and into the Game.”

Florida citizens voted to approve Amendment 4 and automatically restore the voting rights of 1.4 million people with past felony convictions. Today, the voting eligibility of returning citizens is jeopardized due to recent court decisions concerning Florida’s law requiring the payment of all



finances, fees and court costs related to prior convictions. Both the Orlando Magic and FRRC are working to make sure Orlando residents with past convictions can access the voting booth through the FRRC Fines and Fees Fund.

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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/>.