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FRRC to Celebrate Desmond Meade Day with Day of Service

This year's Desmond Meade Day will highlight the importance of second chance employment with the announcement of a statewide campaign to support Florida businesses and returning citizens

Orlando, FL (September 8, 2021) — The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) will celebrate “Desmond Meade Day” on Friday, September 10th with community service activities across the state, and the announcement of a statewide second chance employment campaign. FRRC is dedicated to improving communities across the state by empowering returning citizens and removing barriers to employment, housing and voting for people with criminal backgrounds. To spread awareness and inspire others to believe in the power of second chances FRRC will spend the day of September 10th traveling throughout central Florida on a mission to give back, followed by a weekend of service events throughout the state.

FRRC and partners will kick off the day at a press conference Friday, 10:00 a.m. ET at FRRC headquarters, 4081 LB Mcleod Rd. Suite C Orlando, FL 32811.

The press-conference will begin a day-long campaign where FRRC members will travel to help underserved communities in Orlando, Sanford, Apopka and Kissimmee. Each stop will include a food drop, help with fines and fees, voter registration and information on Florida's clemency process changes.

“It is an honor to have a day named after me,” said FRRC Executive Director Desmond Meade. “My goal is to use that platform to pour hope and a spirit of service into our communities.”

At a time when returning citizens in our nation still face barriers to civic engagement, job opportunities and full reintegration, FRRC's focus remains on empowering and helping those that have been marginalized. “Desmond Meade Day” is a perfect opportunity to show the positive impact that formerly convicted individuals can have on their local communities when they are given the opportunity to find meaningful employment and participate in our great democracy.



“Desmond exemplifies the hope and commitment to public service that can change our communities for the better,” said Neil Volz, Deputy Director of FRRC. “There isn’t a better way to celebrate Desmond Meade Day than through service to our community.”

FRRC’s celebration of “Desmond Meade Day ” will include a press conference and community service at the following stops on September 10th.

- Press conference
 - Friday, September 10th 10:00 a.m. ET
 - FRRC Headquarters, 4081 LB Mcleod Rd. Suite C Orlando, FL 32811.

- Food Drop
 - Friday, September 10th 12:30 p.m. ET
 - Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, 18 North Terry Ave, Orlando, FL 32801

- Food Drop
 - Friday, September 10th 12:30 p.m. ET
 - 808 South Park Ave, Winter Garden, FL 34787

- Food Drop
 - Friday, September 10th 12:30 p.m. ET
 - Rescue Outreach Mission of Central Florida, 1701 West 13th St, Sanford, FL 32771

- Food Drop
 - Friday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. ET
 - Kaleo Ministries, 1717 Harrell Rd, Orlando, FL 32825

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/>.