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WLRN Public Media to Present Oct. 15 Florida Governor's Debate to Statewide Florida Public Radio Stations

Miami, FL – September 24, 2014 - Leadership Florida and the Florida Press Association have named WLRN Public Media the exclusive radio partner of the Oct. 15, 2014, Gubernatorial Debate from Broward College. The 2014 governor's race in Florida promises to be one of the most competitive and most expensive political contests of this election cycle.

Gov. Rick Scott and former Gov. Charlie Crist will meet for a one-hour debate from Broward College's main campus in Davie, Florida. WLRN Public Media will simulcast the debate from producer WFOR-TV/CBS4.

WLRN's debate coverage will begin at 6 p.m. EST with a one-hour program exploring the issues in the race from throughout Florida. After the debate, at 8 p.m. EST, WLRN will present a one-hour program analyzing the discussion. Both programs will feature former Florida Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and former Florida U.S. Sen. George LeMieux as panelists.

Both hours will be hosted by WLRN vice president of news Tom Hudson and will feature reports from WLRN's news team, editorial partner Miami Herald, as well as contributions from several Florida public radio stations.

"WLRN is proud to lead Florida Public Radio's coverage of this important gubernatorial debate. An informed citizenry is crucial for a vital democracy. The radio and online coverage provided by Florida public radio stations ensure Floridians across the state will be able to tune in and participate," said John Labonia, general manager of WLRN Public Media.

Audience engagement will be encouraged via social media and additional outreach efforts before and during the broadcast.

Ten Florida public radio stations have agreed to air the program:

WJCT - Jacksonville
WFSU - Tallahassee
WUWF - Pensacola
WUSF - Tampa

WGCU - Ft. Myers/Naples
WLRN - Miami/Ft. Lauderdale/Palm Beach
WFIT - Melbourne
WMFE - Orlando
WUFT - Gainesville
WQCS - Ft. Pierce

Broadcast Schedule: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

6 p.m. Before You Vote: Decision 2014

7 p.m. Gubernatorial Debate

8 p.m. Before You Vote: Decision 2014

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About WLRN

WLRN Public Media is committed to being the most trusted source of information and entertainment in South Florida's diverse community. Licensed to the school board of Miami-Dade County, WLRN is best known for its award winning public radio and television programs, but its services go well beyond the airwaves. It's a complex media enterprise consisting of radio and television stations, www.WLRN.org and educational channels offering you a variety of high quality programming and advanced learning services making WLRN a valuable public media source.