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OCALA, Fla. – State Representative Yvonne Hinson (D–Gainesville) will be hosting a Farm Share on March 19, 2021 in partnership with the Marion County Public School System, Town of Reddick, the NAACP Marion County Branch, and Florida Rights Restoration Coalition. The aim is to combat food insecurity in the local community.

This event will take place at **North Marion Middle School**, located at 2085 W Hwy 329 Citra, FL, 32113. It will start at 10 a.m. and continue until the food is gone. It is first come first served. The purpose of this event is to provide food to residents who may be struggling because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Even before the pandemic, food deserts existed in certain demographics throughout our communities, especially rural communities. Farm Share has been a consistent provider of needed fresh food to undeserved communities. We are eternally grateful for the service that they provide," said **Representative Yvonne Hinson**.

One in eight people and one in five children in Florida were <u>struggling with hunger</u> before the pandemic. Since then, the economy has taken a massive hit and many people are out of work. For this reason, **Representative Hinson** and her team will do everything they can to address hunger in the community.

From **Superintendent Dr. Diane Gullett of Marion County Public Schools**, "Hosting any Farm Share event in our community provides an opportunity for us to serve one another. We are excited to help distribute food supplies that will make life a bit easier for our families and our students during such a stressful time. Northside Pride continues to be strong, especially when it comes to helping each other."

From **past president Rev. Reginald Willis of NAACP Marion Branch**, "It is an honor to work with **Representative Hinson** and the NAACP Marion Branch to provide a convenient location and volunteers to distribute food through Food Share during this trying time. It is important that we work together as a community to meet the critical needs of our Marion County residents."

Pam Escarcega, a Florida Rights Restoration Coalition representative says, "Florida Rights Restoration Coalition is grateful to be invited to serve the community at the request of **Representative Yvonne Hayes-Hinson**. There are people hurting right now and we appreciate that Hayes-Hinson has wasted no time responding to that need."

More information is available on the Representative's Facebook page. Everyone involved

hopes this event can play a role in bettering our community and addressing the concerns associated with the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.