

Divine Nine Specialty License Plates Presale Vouchers

There is so much excitement about the Divine Nine license plates created with the signing into law of HB 1135 by Governor DeSantis on October 1. The name of the specialty license plate is Divine Nine, which must be displayed at the bottom of the license plate; however, each Divine Nine organization will have its unique logo displayed on the plate. With the purchase of each Divine Nine specialty plate, a donation is made to a not-for-profit organization designated by each.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is responsible for the design, production, and distribution of the specialty plate. Tax Collectors are agents of the FLHSMV and by Florida Law are responsible for performing the motorist services responsibilities for the Department. As Tax Collector for Leon County and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., I want to ensure that Divine Nine members are knowledgeable as to the presale process, the timeline, and ultimately the vehicle registration for the specialty plate.

The presale began Friday, October 16 and will continue for up to twenty-four (24) months until the 3,000 presale threshold is achieved. For purposes of meeting the 3,000 threshold, all Divine Nine license plate presales will be combined. During the presale period, FLHSMV will work with the contact for each Divine Nine organization to develop and approve its logo. When the 3,000 threshold is met, FLHSMV will begin its analysis to determine the number of Divine Nine license plates to be produced and the number to be distributed per county to tax collectors (or in the case of Broward, Volusia, and Miami-Dade Counties, to those who perform the duties of a tax collector).

All presale information is captured on FLHSMV's database and the Department will notify each presale customer when the license plates are available. Please take into account that you can renew three months prior to the expiration of your registration. This is important because the Department's notification of the availability of the plate may not coincide with the expiration of your current registration. If you choose to acquire the Divine Nine license plate outside of the three month in advance renewal period, your transaction will be treated as a replacement and you will still need to renew by the expiration date of your current registration.

The cost of the presale voucher is \$33.00 if purchased through a tax collector's office. (This amount includes the \$25.00 donation and statutory fees of \$8.00.) All other fees are paid when you renew your vehicle registration (decal). At the point-of-sale of your presale voucher, a receipt will be provided which you will keep until you are ready to renew or purchase your Divine Nine specialty plate.

All county tax collector offices and local DMV offices process specialty license plate presale vouchers; check with the office to see if appointments are required. If you are unable to visit or access your local tax collector or DMV office, please visit www.leontaxcollector.net

