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December 8, 2021

General Counsel Office of Governor Ron DeSantis 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear General Counsel,

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter notifying the Governor that I will be retiring effective December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

Judge Joseph M. Williams



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Office of Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept this letter as official notification of my retirement as Baker County Judge effective December 31, 2021. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Baker County, the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, and the greater State of Florida.

My judicial service began when I was elected in 1992. I am thankful to the people of Baker County for giving me this very special trust and privilege. They have always shown kindness to and confidence in me, by this I am humbled and forever grateful.

I also acknowledge my County Court colleagues throughout the State that elected me to serve as President of the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida and as their representative on the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Working with and for my fellow judges has been among the most significant and enjoyable responsibilities of my career.

I look forward the next phase of my service to the people of Baker County and the State of Florida. To that end, I offer my assistance to you if ever needed as you continue to lead and serve.

I remain thankful to our Almighty God and my family for their patience, love, and support that allowed me to sustain and enjoy my career as a public servant.

Judge Joseph M. Williams