



CHAMBERS OF  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**MICHAEL J. HOOI**

October 12, 2023

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of the State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

*Via Email to GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com*

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Although Constitution Day has long been a special day for me, you made it all the more so when you appointed me a judge of the Hillsborough County Court in 2021. I remain ever grateful to you for that.

I now resign to accept your appointment as a circuit judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Group 10, based on Judge Rex Barbas's retirement. By this letter, I resign my office as Hillsborough County judge, Group 20, effective the date of my commission as a new circuit judge.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Hillsborough County. I look forward to continuing my service in this new judicial role. Thank you for this very special honor. And thank you for your service to our Great State!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Hooi".

cc: The Honorable Christopher C. Sabella, Chief Judge (via email)

Ryan Newman, General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor (via email)

Meredith Pardo, Direct of Judicial Appointments, Executive Office of the Governor (via email)