

## **COUNTY JUDGE**

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602

## JOSEPH TOMPKINS COUNTY JUDGE

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
COUNTY CIVIL & CIVIL TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 9, 2023

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

Via E-Mail to: GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.mvflorida.com

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Thank you for the honor of appointing me as a circuit court judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Group 27, based on the retirement of Circuit Court Judge Vivian Corvo. Words cannot express how grateful and honored I am to be able to serve the citizens of Hillsborough County in this new judicial role.

As a current Hillsborough County Court Judge, it is necessary for me to resign my current office to assume my new role as a circuit court judge. Therefore, I hereby resign my office of Hillsborough County Court Judge, effective on the date you sign my commission as a new circuit court judge.

It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Hillsborough County these past two years, and I look forward to continuing my service in this new capacity. Thank you again for this very special honor.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Tompkins

cc: The Honorable Christopher Sabella, Chief Judge (<a href="christopher.sabella@fljud13.org">christopher.sabella@fljud13.org</a>);

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