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Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida
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RE: Resignation/Retirement from Office

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I have been truly blessed by the Lord and honored to serve the citizens of Polk County, Tenth Judicial Circuit as a County Judge since January of 2007.

Due to the relocation of my son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters to Paducah, Kentucky in 2017 to start a new branch of my son's sports ministry Idols Aside, my wife and I wish to join them in the Spring of 2020.

Therefore this letter is my official notice that I will be retiring as a Polk County Judge effective April 30, 2020.

I am sending this letter so that a suitable successor may be appointed in time to take over for me on May 1, 2020.

Sincerely,

John E. Kirkland
County Judge

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Kirkland".

cc: Honorable Ellen S. Masters, Chief Judge 10th Circuit
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