



**COUNTY COURT  
DUVAL COUNTY**

**RONALD P. HIGBEE**  
COUNTY JUDGE

DUVAL COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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April 5, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Duval County, Florida for a period of over nineteen (19) years as a County Judge. Before that I served a number of the years in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, as an assistant state attorney, with the private sector and an assistant public defender. It has been my honor to serve in each of those capacities.

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my letter of retirement, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald P. Higbee".

Ronald P. Higbee  
County Court Judge

Cc:  
Chief Judge Mark Mahon  
Judge Gary Flower, County Court Administrative Judge