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Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol – PL-05
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32299

Re: Resignation/Retirement from Office

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Pleased be formally notified that I intend to retire from my position as County Judge, Group 2, Marion County, effective midnight, May 14, 2021.

Due to the increased civil jurisdictional limits, the un-funding of traffic hearing officers, necessary COVID changes in technology, the way our courts now run, and the backlogs that have resulted, this job is no longer a good fit for me.

I have been humbled to serve the citizens of Marion County for 35 years, including positions as an Assistant Public Defender and as an Assistant State Attorney, then County Judge, beginning service on the bench in January 2007. Having been raised in Marion County, this job was the honor of my life. I plan to continue serving in some manner following my retirement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Ritterhoff Williams".

Sarah Ritterhoff Williams
Marion County Judge

CC: Honorable Daniel Merritt Jr., Chief Judge, 5th Circuit
Honorable Edward Scott, Administrative Judge, Marion County
Jonathan Lin, Trial Court Administrator
Robin Hamel, Human Resources Manager, Court Administration