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COUNTY JUDGE

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

Re: Retirement of Sarasota County Judge Phyllis Rogers Galen

Dear Governor DeSantis:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the people of Sarasota County as a County Judge since my election in 2004. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues on the bench in the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit, along with many talented attorneys over the years. I have such respect, appreciation and gratitude for the hardworking Court Deputies, Clerks, Court Administration Staff, and my Judicial Assistant, who I have worked with over the past 18 years.

Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to retire my position as a Sarasota County Judge effective at the end of business day on July 31, 2023. I ask that you convene the Twelfth Judicial Circuit's Judicial Nominating Committee in hopes of expeditiously appointing my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Rogers Galen  
Sarasota County Judge