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

Dear Governor DeSantis:

Please accept this letter as an announcement of my retirement and my resignation from the office of Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge, effective December 31, 2020. It has been indeed an honor and my distinct privilege to serve the people of the Eighth Judicial Circuit and the State of Florida these last many years.

This notice is given to you well in advance of my retirement date with the hope that you will expeditiously activate the Eighth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission and appoint my successor before I leave office.

James P Nilon

Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

CC: Honorable Charles T. Canady, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court

Ms. Elizabeth H. Kiel, Florida State Courts Administrator

Mr. Joseph W. Jacquot, General Counsel

Honorable Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge Elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit

Mr. Paul Silverman, Trial Court Administrator, Eighth Judicial Circuit

Ms. Cherie Fine, President of the Eighth Judicial Bar Association

Mr. Norm D. Fugate, Chairperson, Eighth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission