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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
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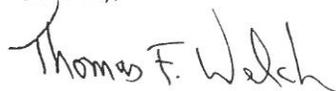
Re: Retirement

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am humbled and proud to have served my hometown county as a County Judge for almost 30 years. It has been truly remarkable and rewarding to observe and participate in the life experiences of the many, many people I have encountered through the years. I do hope that most felt their appearances to be positive, as I know that this service has definitely even helped myself to grow and become a better person.

However, at the age of 68, I feel that it is time to submit my resignation, effective at the end of the business day on November 30, 2020. I do appreciate your service as the governor of our fine state, and wish you all the best in facing the many issues that now confront us.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Welch  
County Judge

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cc: Joseph W. Jacquot, Esq., General Counsel  
The Honorable Chris Patterson, Chief Judge, 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
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