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The Honorable Rick Scott
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Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Letter of Retirement

Dear Governor Scott:

Greetings. This letter is intended to inform you of my decision to retire as a Circuit Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Volusia County, Florida, effective, January 30, 2014.

I have served as a member of the judiciary since being elected as a Volusia County Judge in 1988. At that time, I was the first African-American to serve in that capacity. Indeed that accomplishment was a distinct honor and privilege. After eleven years as a county judge, I was appointed to the circuit court by Governor Jeb Bush in 1999.

During my tenure on the bench, I have handled approximately one hundred thousand cases according to the Clerk of Court records. Since my appointment to the circuit court, I have been assigned to the family law division—dealing with issues of juvenile delinquency, dependency, domestic violence injunctions, family and juvenile drug court, domestic relations, etc. Through these assignments, I have sought to improve the administration of justice, by resolving disputes in a fair and equitable manner. I have had the support of colleagues and staff in working to reduce juvenile delinquency, curbing drug abuse, restoring families, reducing conflicting court orders, and working to strengthen our community; one case at a time. However, after twenty-five years of public service, it is time to move on to other pursuits.

I have been blessed to have an awesome group of people who have helped me in carrying out my duties. I have enjoyed the opportunity for judicial service and hope that I have been able to inspire other young people to pursue their dreams. I truly hope that the individual you appoint to succeed me will be able to have a similar or even better judicial experience. I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hubert L. Grimes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Hubert L. Grimes
Circuit Judge
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Cc: The Honorable Terrence Perkins
Chief Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit