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The Honorable Rick Scott Governor of the State of Florida The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott,

It is with much regret after years of public service and as an officer of the court that I must tender my resignation as a Circuit Judge in and for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, effective December 31, 2015. I am forced to resign because of the provisions of Article V, section 8, Florida Constitution, which states that no judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. I will attain the age of 70 years on January 4, 2016.

I would respectfully request consideration of quickly appointing a successor, so that this new circuit judge may assume his or her duties immediately upon my retirement. My judicial colleagues in the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida work extremely hard on behalf of the public we all serve and I believe they deserve services provided by the entire circuit bench.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the people of Florida, and I look forward to other opportunities of service in the future.

Very respectfully,

Frank E. Sheffield