



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**Office of the Governor**

THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger, Director of Real Estate Management and Development  
Len Stapleton, Commissioner, Suwanee County  
Frank Davis, Mayor, City of Live Oak

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: January 29, 2021

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Judge Thomas J. Kennon, Jr.

On Monday, January 25, 2021, Judge Thomas J. Kennon, Jr. passed away. Judge Kennon served as a Suwanee County judge from January 1973 to October 1993. The Governor appointed him to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in October 1993, and he retired from the bench in 2005. Prior to his legal career, he served in the Army National Guard of Florida and as an Army Reservist for six years. As an engaged member of his community, Judge Kennon will be remembered as a leader, mentor, and friend.

To honor the memory of Judge Thomas J. Kennon, Jr. and his service to our state, I hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at the Suwanee County Courthouse in Live Oak, Florida, the City Hall of Live Oak, Florida, and at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, January 30, 2021.

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