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Governor Ron DeSantis  
The Capitol, Suite 209  
400 South Monroe Street  
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Dear Governor DeSantis:

I am hereby tendering my resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023. It has been my distinct honor to serve the citizens of Indian River County as it's elected Clerk of the Court & Comptroller for the last 11 years. During that time I have overseen tremendous changes in the office on both the court side and the comptroller side. I am proud of the accomplishments that my team and I have made that has improved efficiency and service to our citizens.

I feel that my retirement is an important step that I take for my wife, Wanda. She is a retired 30-year Indian River County educator and a 16-year breast cancer survivor, which I know hits home with you, who would like to travel while we both still can. For the last 10 years, Wanda and I have been the principal caregivers and guardians for her intellectually disabled adult brother and it is becoming an increasingly more difficult task to care for him. Recently, we have been fortunate enough to be able to enlist some help for him, which will afford us the time to do some traveling. For her entire life, it has always been about her brother – it is finally time that it is about her.

I have taken the steps necessary to ensure a smooth succession plan is in place. My current Chief Deputy, Ryan Butler, Esq., is fully qualified to succeed me as Clerk & Comptroller and to lead the office into the future. I will under separate cover, provide you my reasons and his qualifications for you to appoint him as my successor.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Smith, CPA, CGFO, CGMA  
Indian River County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller