

REVISION

Notation for Action

Item 11.1. SUBJECT: Present Letter to Governor Ron DeSantis in Response to the Florida Department of Government Efficiency Letter to County Officials Dated March 18, 2025

The letter was revised to include a signature for Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Marion County Clerk of the Court.



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March 24, 2025

Ron DeSantis, Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Florida DOGE letter to county officials dated March 18, 2025

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, please allow this letter to serve as Marion County's desire to comply with Executive Order 25-44 and to voluntarily offer to work with Florida's DOGE team as necessary. We applaud the State's efforts to ensure fiscal responsibility throughout Florida; I can confidently confirm that we have no documented instances of financial emergency or distress, including any of the five criteria listed in section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes. The Management Letter from Marion County's external auditor (attached to this letter) also confirms this by explicitly stating as such:

*Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination, as to whether or not the County has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. **In connection with our audit, we determined that the County did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.***

Again, we look forward to working with Florida's DOGE team. Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can be of further service.

Very respectfully,

Kathy Bryant
Chairman
Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Gregory C. Harrell
Clerk of Court and Comptroller
Marion County Clerk of the Court