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Chairman David Zimmerman Members of the County Board 11 S. Fourth St, Suite 432 Pekin, IL 61554

re:

Letter of Resignation

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Chairman Zimmerman and Members of the County Board:

As you know, at the June 28th Primary Election, I was the only candidate nominated for Resident Circuit Court Judge for Tazewell County in the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022. Therefore, I am submitting this unconditional resignation of my office of Tazewell County State's Attorney effective November 30, 2022, to allow a candidate to be slated for State's Attorney in the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Having served as State's Attorney since 1995, I have worked diligently to create a culture of "Do what is right and do it well". The message to the public at the entrance to our main office reads: "The Duty of a Prosecutor is to seek Justice, not merely convict." Over the past 27 years, I have been blessed with many outstanding prosecutors who have served Tazewell County with distinction. The next State's Attorney will continue to face the same challenges of securing Justice and the confidence of the community in our criminal justice system.

I know that my Chief Assistant, Kevin Johnson, has the training, qualifications and experience to address, as State's Attorney, the difficult issues which continue to confront law enforcement and the citizens of Tazewell County. Even more importantly, Kevin Johnson has the good judgment and wisdom to serve justice in our community.

I recommend that Kevin Johnson be selected to serve as State's Attorney.

Sincerely yours.

cc: John Ackerman