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February 21, 2023

Rita Pritchett, Commissioner  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, Florida 32940

Dear Commissioner Pritchett:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. County health departments sustain the partnership between the Florida Department of Health and county government pursuant to section 154.04, Florida Statutes. In keeping with state law, as well as our desire to maintain this important partnership, the Florida Department of Health works collectively with county government when selecting a new health department administrator.

Dr. Zonka has an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated her ability as a skilled leader. I believe Dr. Zonka will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Brevard County as their new health department administrator.

The Florida Department of Health is requesting time on the agenda during your upcoming meeting to request concurrence on the appointment of Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County. If you or any member of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners have questions or would like more information regarding Dr. Zonka, please feel free to contact Mark Lander, Interim Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems at 850-245-4243.

I appreciate the support of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and the community in selecting the best candidate for the people of Brevard County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Ladapo", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD  
State Surgeon General

cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager  
Kristine Zonka, DNP, APRN, FNP-C