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Rick Wilson, Chairman
Polk County Board of County Commissioners
330 W. Church Street
Bartow, FL 33830

Dear Chairman Wilson:


The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Polk County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Aaron Kissler as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Polk 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.

Mr. Kissler has an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated his ability as a skilled leader. I believe Mr. Kissler will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Polk 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 Aaron Kissler as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Polk County. If you or any member of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners have questions or would like more information regarding Mr. Kissler, please feel free to contact Mark Lander, Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems at 850-245-4243.

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

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

cc: Bill Beasley, County Manager
Aaron Kissler