

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN  
AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2023-01**

**APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE ROBERT E. LANDT AS CHAIR  
AND THE HONORABLE LORI COTTON AS ALTERNATE MEMBER  
OF THE MARION COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**

**AND**

**VACATING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: M-2021-33**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit has the responsibility, pursuant to Section 102.141(1), Florida Statutes, to appoint a county court judge as the chair of the Marion County Canvassing Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 102.141(1)(e)1., Florida Statutes, requires the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to appoint a Marion County court judge as an alternate member of the Marion County Canvassing Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **HONORABLE ROBERT E. LANDT**, Marion County Court Judge, is a qualified elector of Marion County who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed; and,

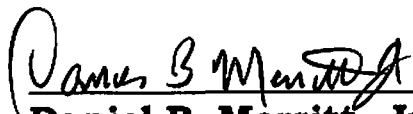
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**WHEREAS**, the **HONORABLE LORI COTTON**, Marion County Court Judge, is a qualified elector of Marion County who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed;

It is therefore **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**:

- 1. THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. LANDT**, Marion County Court Judge, is hereby appointed to serve as the Chair of the Marion County Canvassing Board for the 2023 election cycle.
- 2. THE HONORABLE LORI COTTON**, Marion County Court Judge, is hereby appointed to serve as the alternate judicial member of the Marion County Canvassing Board for the 2023 election cycle.
- 3. Administrative Order M-2019-39** is hereby vacated.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

  
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**Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.**  
**Chief Judge**  
**Fifth Judicial Circuit**