

May 27, 2005

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor, State of Florida
PL 05, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Governor,

Please accept my resignation effective July 8, 2005.

Serving the people of Florida for nearly twenty-one years as a State employee has been an immense privilege. No honor is greater for me than to have served as your appointed Secretary for this awesome agency.

A famous mountain climber and explorer once said "There are two aspects to achievement - reaching your goal and getting safely back home again. One is incomplete without the other!" It is now time for me to go "back home."

Thank you for bestowing in me your confidence, support and friendship. I look forward to being first in line welcoming you back to Miami at the end of your term.

Sincerely,

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