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March 16, 2021

Thomas R. Ford, Chairman  
Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
96135 Nassau Place  
Suite 1  
Yulee, Florida 32097

Dear Chairman Ford:

The Florida Department of Health requests concurrence from the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Prince Danso-Odei, DrPH as the Director of the Florida Department of Health in Nassau 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 director.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Scott A. Rivkees, MD  
State Surgeon General

cc: Taco Pope, Nassau County Manager  
Dr. Prince Danso-Odei

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