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To: Board of County Commissioners  
From: Mayor Teresa Jacobs   
Subject: Managerial Appointment – Chief Medical Examiner  
Health Services Department  
Consent Agenda – June 14, 2016

*Dr. Joshua Stephany for Orange County Chief Medical Examiner and Medical Examiner's Office Division Manager, Health Services Department*

Shortly after the retirement of Dr. Jan Garavaglia, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance (2015-15) allowing for county government to lead the process of selecting the Chief Medical Examiner. A selection committee, consisting of criminal justice and health care leaders from the region, was convened to vet candidates and make a recommendation for this highly important and high profile position. The committee's top choice was Acting Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Joshua Stephany, who the committee selected by way of a majority vote.

Dr. Stephany joined our team in 2007 as an Associate Medical Examiner, working closely with Dr. Garavaglia. When Dr. Garavaglia retired in June 2015, Dr. Stephany was named as the Acting Chief, a position he has excelled in over the last 12 months. Prior to his employment with Orange County, Dr. Stephany completed his pathology residency training at Orlando Health, where he was regarded as an outstanding physician and team member. He went on to complete a fellowship in Forensic Pathology with the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's office.

As a member of our team, he played a key role in our Medical Examiner's office attaining National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) accreditation, which has elevated the office to a national benchmark of excellence. Dr. Stephany has worked hard to build strong relationships with law enforcement agencies and criminal justice leaders in both Orange and Osceola counties. He has also proven his effectiveness as a trial witness during countless legal proceedings related to his scope of responsibility. As the Acting Division Manager for the Medical Examiner's Office, he has shown a great capacity to manage personnel in keeping with Orange County policies and regulations. In addition to his technical excellence, Dr. Stephany demonstrates extraordinary compassion when dealing with the families of the deceased.

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Dr. Stephany's experience, qualifications and personal attributes make him an outstanding choice for Orange County's Chief Medical Examiner, and well deserving of the proposed salary of \$222,165. His resume is attached for your review.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Confirmation of Dr. Joshua Stephany as Orange County Chief Medical Examiner and Division Manager of the Medical Examiner's Office, Orange County Health Services Department for a three year term.**

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**EMPLOYMENT -**

6/2015 to present      Interim Chief Medical Examiner  
District Nine Medical Examiner's Office; Orlando, Florida

2009 to present      Clinical Assistant Professor, Forensic Pathology  
Florida State University College of Medicine

2007 to 2015      Associate Medical Examiner  
District Nine Medical Examiner's Office; Orlando, Florida

**EDUCATION -**

2006-2007      Forensic Pathology Fellow  
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner; Miami, Florida

2004-2005      Pathology Chief Resident  
Orlando Regional Healthcare System; Orlando, Florida

2001-2006      Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Resident  
Orlando Regional Healthcare System; Orlando, Florida

1996-2000      Doctor of Medicine  
St. George's University School of Medicine; Bay Shore, New York

1992-1996      Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, Magna cum Laude  
University of New Hampshire; Durham, New Hampshire

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATIONS -**

9/2009      American Board of Pathology; Forensic Pathology Certified

5/2009      American Board of Pathology; Anatomic Pathology Certified

4/2006      Florida Board of Medicine; License number: ME 95707

8/1996 Board of Registry, American Society of Clinical Pathologists, certified Medical Technologist: MT-201786

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE-**

8/2015-3/2016 Member of the Orange County Heroin Task Force

7/2007-present Member of the Child Abuse Death Review for District 9

### **PUBLICATIONS & ABSTRACTS -**

- 5/2015 Mercer, RW, Schwartz MC, Stephany J, et al. Vascular ring complicates accidental button battery ingestion. *Clinical Imaging*; 2015 39(3) 510-512
- 9/2006 Stephany JD, Garavaglia JC, and Pearl GS. Sudden death in a 27-year-old man with Chiari I malformation. *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*; 2008 29(3): 249-250
- 5/2005 Stephany JD, Lucero SD, and Walsh AF. Mediastinal Mass in a 27-year-old man. *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2005 129(5): 699-700
- 10/2004 Stephany JD, Pearl GS, Jenkins DW, and St. Louis P. X-Knife™ Radiosurgery-induced brain tumor. *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine* (submitted)
- 9/2004 Green VS, Stephany JD, and Pearl GS. Progressive headaches in a 50-year-old woman. *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2004 128(9): e115-eq116
- 6/2004 Stephany JD, Green VS, and Gonzalez OR. Abdominopelvic mass in a 13-year-old adolescent girl. *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2004 128(6):705-706
- 2/2004 Stephany JD, Pearl GS, and Gonzalez OR. Headache in an 8-year-old child. *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2004 128(2): e33-e34
- 1/2004 Stephany JD, Franklin RB, and Walsh AF. Multiple cutaneous lesions in a 27-year-old woman, *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2004 128(1):e15-16
- 7/2003 Stephany JD, and Pearl GS. Adrenal mass in a 54-year-old man *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; 2003 127(7):883-884
- 1996 Stephany JD, Modlin J, and Mulligan C. Developing HSV detection methodology using direct enzyme immunoassay (Abstract presented to

Clinical Laboratory Department, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center,  
Lebanon, New Hampshire

1995           Stephany JD, and Kang JO. Biochemical markers of apoptosis in the  
blood of cancer patients (Abstract presented to Medical Laboratory  
Science Department, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New  
Hampshire

### **PRESENTATIONS -**

6/2003           Stephany, JD, and Pearl GS. Naegleria fowleri in a 7-year-old child  
Case Presentation – 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Neuropathology Meeting  
American Association of Neuropathology, Orlando, Florida

### **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION -**

2/2015           American Academy of Forensic Sciences 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting  
Orlando, Florida

7/2014           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Orlando, Florida

7/2013           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Sarasota, Florida

6/2011           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

7/2010           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Orlando, Florida

8/2009           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Sarasota, Florida

8/2008           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

12/2006           Bugs, Bones and Botany®  
Florida Gulf Coast University; Ft. Myers, Florida

9/2006           International Forensic Photography Workshop

8/2006           Florida Association of Medical Examiner's Educational Conference  
Jupiter, Florida

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION - continued**

- 7/2006      Police Medicolegal Investigation of Death Course  
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner, Miami, Florida
- 8/2004      Article Review: Successful treatment of *N. fowleri* meningoencephalitis  
by using intravenous amphotericin B, fluconazole and rifampin.  
Case Report. Archives of Medical Research, 2004
- 6/2004      Article Review: Ghai R, Corbally M, and McDermott M. Gliomatosis  
peritonei secondary to ventriculoperitoneal shunt.  
Journal of Clinical Pathology, 2004
- 12/2003     Pediatric Forensic Issues Conference: Pathology, Diagnosis, Imaging and  
Investigation; Orlando, Florida
- 8/2003      Florida Association of Medical Examiners Educational Conference  
Ponte Vedra, Florida
- 11/2002     Basic Forensic Pathology Course  
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Bethesda, Maryland
- 2001-2006   Bi-weekly Forensic Neuropathology Conference  
Conducted by Gary S. Pearl, MD, PhD, and District Nine Medical  
Examiner's Office, Orlando, Florida

## **RESEARCH -**

- 2001-2006   Alzheimer's Brain Disease Initiative Brain Bank Program, State of Florida

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES -**

- 2009      Orange County Medical Society
- 2009-present   American Academy of Forensics Sciences
- 2008-present   Florida Association of Medical Examiners
- 2007-present   National Association of Medical Examiners
- 2004      Florida Delegate to the College of American Pathologists Residents Forum
- 2003      Florida Society of Pathologists, Resident Liaison, Executive Committee
- 2001      American Society for Clinical Pathology, Junior Member
- 2001      College of American Pathologists, Junior Member
- 2001      United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, Junior Member

## **AWARDS -**

- 1996            Hamilton Putnam Scholarship Award  
1995            Clinical Laboratory Science of Central New England Award

## **MEDIA -**

- 2008            “Dr. G: Medical Examiner: Episode Twin Terror”  
Discovery Health Network – original airing July 18, 2008
- 2010            “Dr. G: Medical Examiner: Episode Dangerous Circumstances”  
Discovery Health Network – original airing December, 2010

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