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March 10, 2026

Florida Department of Children and Families
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Attn: Joshua Burns, Procurement Officer
2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400
Tallahassee, FL 32303-4190

**Re: Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant
RFA 2526 024/Not-for-Profit Community Provider Designation Letter**

Dear Mr. Burns,

In compliance with grant requirements, the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners designates Centerstone of Florida, Inc. to apply to the above-referenced RFA on behalf of DeSoto County.

Based upon the interest of the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners to establish a DCF-funded Comprehensive Treatment Court to divert eligible individuals with mental health or co-occurring substance use conditions from jail to community treatment, the County Commission supports Centerstone of Florida to be the designated applicant to apply for and implement a Comprehensive Treatment Court Program in DeSoto County. If awarded, a Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Council subgroup of the PSCC will be constituted to advise the PSCC on implementation of the Comprehensive Treatment Court Program's processes, deliverables, and outcomes.

Please accept this letter as Centerstone of Florida, Inc. Designation Letter.

Sincerely,

Steve Hickox
Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Of DeSoto County, Florida