

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION  
OF STATE'S ATTORNEY EVAN L. OWENS  
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Circuit Judges of 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit have elected Franklin County State's Attorney Evan L. Owens to be an Associate Judge and said election and nomination has been approved by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

**WHEREAS**, Evan L. Owens has notified the county board of his intend to accept the nomination. Mr. Owens has tendered his resignation from the Office of Franklin County State's Attorney effective August 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM;

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board desires to accept the resignation of Evan L. Owens effective August 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECREED**, by the Franklin County Board as follows:

1. That effective August 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM, the Franklin County Board accepts the resignation of Evan L. Owens from the Office of Franklin County State's Attorney.
2. That the Franklin County Board Chairman, with the advice and consent of the county board, will appoint a successor Franklin County State's Attorney in accordance with Illinois law.
3. The appointed State's Attorney will assume the duties of Franklin County State's Attorney after August 30, 2019 until a new State's Attorney is elected and is seated following the November 2020 general election.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at the regular meeting of Franklin County Board, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug., 2019.

  
Randall Crocker, Chairman

  
ATTEST  
  
Greg Woodard, Franklin County Clerk

YEAS	<u>9</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>0</u>

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August 12, 2019

Chairman Randall Crocker  
Franklin County Board  
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Benton, IL 62812

**re: State's Attorney Appointment to Associate Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit**

Dear Chairman Crocker and Franklin County Board Members:

I have received an appointment as Associate Judge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois effective on August 30, 2019. It has been my pleasure to serve as the State's Attorney of Franklin County these last nine years. I have a deep admiration for the accomplishments of the county board during that time.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would express our heartfelt appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your state's attorney. Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from effective August 30, 2019.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve the citizens of Franklin County.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Members of the Franklin County Board,

Please be advised that I was formally notified of the resignation of Franklin County State's Attorney Evan L. Owens effective August 30, 2019. As you are aware, 55 ILCS 5/3-9008(b) establishes a procedure addressing the filling of a vacancy of the State's Attorney. If the vacancy is of more than one year and "it becomes necessary for the transaction of the public business", it is required that a majority of the circuit judges in the circuit in which the vacancy exists notify the County Board in writing of their desire to have the vacancy filled as provided in the Election Code of the State of Illinois.

As Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, please allow this letter to serve as written notification that I have contacted a majority of the Circuit Judges in the Second Judicial Circuit and we have determined that it is necessary for the transaction of the public business that the vacancy in the office of the Franklin County State's Attorney be filled as provided in the Election Code of the State of Illinois. A majority of the Circuit Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois further make this request to fill the vacancy as it best serves the residents of Franklin County and the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois.

Again, please let this letter serve as formal notification that the vacancy be filled and I certify to you that a majority of the Circuit Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois are making said request. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Tedeschi  
Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois