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To Our Hanover Community:

After more than 41 years of service, it is my intention to retire March 31, 2026. As I prepare to retire from the Office of the Sheriff, I want to express how profoundly special our Hanover community is to me. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to lead the Sheriff's Office in a county that embodies resilience, generosity, and a shared commitment to public safety. I am continually humbled by the trust you have placed in each of us, and I am grateful for the extraordinary partnerships that have allowed us to protect and serve with integrity and compassion. I believe the men and women of the Sheriff's Office share this same commitment. Their devotion to duty and to one another has been a steady beacon for our community, and I know they will continue the legacy of service you rightly expect and deserve.

Our motto, *continuing to be a part of, not apart from, the community*, is more than words, it is a daily discipline. The safety we enjoy today is the direct result of collaborations across many community partners such as local government, business leaders, faith communities, schools, first responders, and each of you. It is this network of cooperation that has enabled us over the years to plan, allocate resources wisely, and respond effectively to emergencies, disasters, and the ordinary as well as the extraordinary demands of public safety.

I am especially proud to share that our county has recorded the lowest crime rate since 1975. This milestone reflects not only the hard work and professionalism of the men and women of the Sheriff's Office, but also the strength of our relationships with each of you and our partnerships throughout the region. Our success is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together with transparency, accountability, and a clear expectation of the importance of public safety.

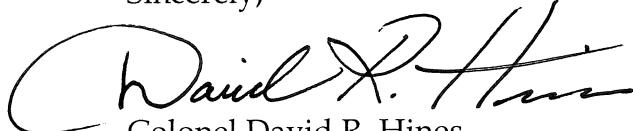
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Looking ahead, I am excited to share that Lt. Colonel Gregory Six will be appointed Sheriff to fulfill my term. Lt. Colonel Six possesses outstanding leadership capabilities, strategic judgment, and a steady commitment to public service. I am proud to pass this important legacy to such a capable and principled leader. He and the command staff understand the unique partnerships we enjoy in our community and the professional standards that our residents expect and deserve. I am confident they will lead this agency forward with the same dedication to excellence that has defined who we are as an agency.

As always, I am humbled to have the support you have shown through my tenure as sheriff of Hanover County. The trust has not gone unnoticed, and I've always cherished our relationships, both personally and professionally, between the Sheriff's Office and our community.

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your partnership. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve you, and my wife Pat and I look forward to cheering on the men and woman of the Sheriff's Office from the perspective of grateful citizens and steadfast advocates for this extraordinary community.

Sincerely,



Colonel David R. Hines
Sheriff

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