## MOFFSES NAMED HEALTH OFFICER FOR DOH-COLUMBIA AND HAMILTON COUNTIES



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**Tallahassee -** The Florida Department of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Moffses Jr. as the Administrator for the Department of Health in Columbia and Hamilton Counties, effective March 21. Moffses will be responsible for overseeing all operations including planning, directing, developing and coordinating public health programs and activities. Previously, he served as an Emergency Management Planner for DOH-Columbia and DOH-Hamilton, a role he had held since 2017.

"The department congratulates Mr. Moffses as he takes on his new role," said Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems Paul D. Myers. "I am confident his leadership and administration experience in public health will continue serve the people of Columbia and Hamilton Counties well."

Moffses has over 30 years of experience serving the public in the areas of military operations and academics. Before joining the department, he was Superintendent for the Hamilton County School District from 2012 to 2016. He was an Instructor at North Florida Community College from 1997 to 2012 and a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Adjunct Professor at Valdosta State University from 1996 to 1995. From 1985 to 1995 he served in the U.S. Navy. Moffses is currently an Adjunct Professor at his alma mater, Valdosta State University, a role he has been fulfilling since 2016.

Moffses received his Doctor of Philosophy (ABD) in business with an emphasis on information technology in 2012 at Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1996 and a Master of Science in Education in 1997, both from Valdosta State University. Moffses currently serves on the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, Florida Association of School Administrators and the Florida School Boards Association. He was a member of the Florida Association of Community Colleges from 2000 to 2009 and served on several academic related committees at North Florida Community College, including technology, distance learning and staff recruitment.

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