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TO: All Department Heads
FROM: Chad M. Bruner, Administrator
DATE: November 26, 2025 *CMB*
RE: Retirement

Today, I write you with a heart that's exactly half full or half heavy, depending on how you see it. I'm 50% happy and 50% sad, and somehow, both feelings are completely valid right now.

I'm happy because of everything this moment represents, the memories we've created, the challenges we've overcome, the laughter we've shared, and the milestones we've reached. There's pride in looking back and seeing how far we've come, how much we've grown, and how deeply we've connected.

But I'm also sad. Because something is ending. Whether it's a chapter, a journey, or simply a familiar rhythm we've come to love, letting go, even of something beautiful, can be incredibly hard. The goodbyes, the what-comes-next, the uncertainty, they leave a mark.

And that's okay. Life doesn't always have to be one extreme or the other. It's allowed to be a mixture, complex, layered, and real.

So today, I embrace both sides. I smile through the tears and cry through the smiles. I let the joy and sorrow sit side by side, because they both mean something. They mean that this moment matters.

Thank you for being part of the moments that brought me happiness, and for making the sadness of goodbye feel like it's worth something too.

C: Frank J. DiMarco, Commission Director
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