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## **Florida Medical Association CEO Timothy J. Stapleton Ends His Nearly 25 Years of Leadership and Service to the ‘Voice of Medicine’ Organization**

(Tallahassee, Fla.) – Florida Medical Association ([FMA](http://FMA)) Chief Executive Officer Timothy J. Stapleton concludes his nearly 25 years of service with the professional association today, embarking on new challenges and professional opportunities. Stapleton has led the ‘Voice of Medicine’ organization for over two decades, overseeing its political and public policy programs that spanned over six Governors, nine U.S. Senators, 14 House Speakers, 12 Senate Presidents, and hundreds of State Senators, State Representatives, and members of Congress.

In his resignation letter, Stapleton states that, “Like many people, living through a global pandemic over the past 20 months has caused me to take a step back and evaluate my personal and professional future. My tenure and 24/7 commitment to the organization has been purely out of loyalty to a group of physician leaders who have shared a vision for what the FMA should be and were willing to actively engage in the political process.

“Working for physicians has been an honor and a privilege. I have enjoyed serving as CEO under an outstanding group of FMA presidents, learning something from every one of them. I couldn’t be more excited for what the future holds for both me personally and the FMA as it continues to excel at the mission of ‘Helping Physicians Practice Medicine,’” he concluded.

**FMA President Douglas R. Murphy Jr., MD** said, “On behalf of our executive board and our more than 25,000 members, I want to personally thank Tim Stapleton for his many years of service to the FMA and his tireless efforts in making it one of the most respected and admired organizations in our state and our nation. We wish him Godspeed in his journey.”

### **About Florida Medical Association (FMA)**

Founded in 1874, the FMA is a professional association dedicated to the service and assistance of Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine in Florida. The FMA represents more than 25,000 members on issues of legislation and regulatory affairs, medical economics and education, public health, and ethical and legal issues. The association advocates for physicians and their patients to promote the public health, ensure the highest standards of medical practice, and to enhance the quality and availability of health care in the Sunshine State. For more information on the FMA, please visit [www.flmedical.org](http://www.flmedical.org), follow [@FloridaMedical](https://twitter.com/FloridaMedical) and like [FB.com/FloridaMedical](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaMedical).

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