

To my fellow citizens:

For many Lake County residents, this past year will not easily be forgotten.

On Feb. 2, 2007, a devastating string of tornadoes brought destruction and sorrow to several Lake County communities. With an outpouring of support from neighbors and friends locally, regionally and nationally and with assistance provided by many of our County departments, Lake County began the road to recovery. The road back to normalcy is long, and Lake County is committed to a leadership role in the healing process.

As the saying goes, "every cloud has a silver lining." Lake County was able to strengthen its partnerships with the State, Federal Emergency Management

Agency, our local municipalities, many organizations and neighboring local governments, who selflessly committed staff and resources to our response efforts. I was proud of County staff who carried out daily County operations in addition to the monumental tasks associated with the aftermath of the tornadoes.

I invite you to read the annual report that presents many of our accomplishments during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. While we take the time to celebrate our successes, I assure you the Board of County Commissioners is positioned to meet the challenges that lie ahead and to continue painting "a picture of success" for Lake County and its residents.

Respectfully,



Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman



From left to right: Linda Stewart, District 4; Jennifer S. Hill, District 1; Welton G. Cadwell, District 5; Debbie Stivender, District 3; Elaine Renick, District 2

Dear Lake County citizens:



From left to right: Cindy Hall, County Manager, and Gregg Welstead, Deputy County Manager

In a year of many challenges — some anticipated and others unexpected — Lake County continues to make progress toward the goals established by the Board of County Commissioners.

Economic development, public safety and environmental protection are among the highest priorities for Lake County Government. The County's administrative team is focused on delivering services in these areas and many more in an exceptional manner to the residents of Lake County.

This past year, several initiatives began to strengthen these focus areas. First, the recently created Department of Economic Growth & Redevelopment has increased

outreach efforts to attract more industries and retain more business in Lake County. Secondly, the Department of Environmental Services has obtained a permit modification to increase the existing landfill disposal capacity by 168,000 cubic yards and is restructuring programs for better enforcement of environmental protection. Thirdly, the County has begun the construction of a public safety radio system, which will enable reliable communication by every public safety entity in the County, as well as with neighboring communities.

Lake County is "a picture of success," by effectively identifying challenges and opportunities. Please join me in recognizing the achievements and successes chronicled in the 2006-2007 annual report.

Respectfully,



Cindy Hall, County Manager



From left to right: Melanie Marsh, Deputy County Attorney, and Sanford A. Minkoff, County Attorney