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Greetings:

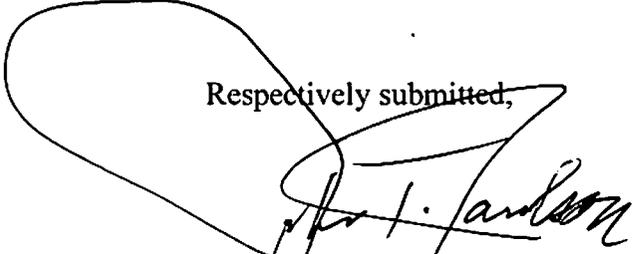
Please accept this letter as my resignation from the office of District Court Judge, Judgeship #2, Southeast Judicial District for North Dakota effective June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. I have been elected and re-elected for 6 terms and have served more than 33 years as district court judge.

I wish to thank the voters of the Southeast Judicial District for allowing me to serve as one of their judges. I also wish to thank my family for their support through all the years.

My family has been a family of public service, my father served on the North Dakota Supreme Court, my brother-in-law served as district judge and I have served as Municipal Judge for Valley City, Barnes County States Attorney, and as district judge.

I wish to thank Chief Justice Vandewalle, who has allowed me to serve as acting Chief Justice when the Supreme Court has not been allowed to sit on certain cases.

Respectfully submitted,



John T. Paulson  
Judge of the Southeast District Court