I would like to start by extending heartfelt appreciation to Bea Meeks, my dear friend, who served us extremely well with integrity, unity, leadership, professionalism and love. I personally thank you for giving such tremendous encouragement to our membership to become engaged with each another, as well as our association.

I am humbled and honored to stand before you as your president of the Florida Association of City Clerks. Thank you for entrusting me with such a noble responsibility. I will strive to never disappoint you, and I ask you to appeal to me with any suggestions you may have to improve our association. I'm all ears ( 😊 ), as are the rest of your Board Members!

To all our Committee Chairs that have agreed to serve another term under my leadership. I can’t thank you enough for your continued support and expertise, as you are a major part of this well-greased machine.

Bea, your inspiration carries me forward, as I too believe our profession requires us to remain engaged, bound to achieve the unique knowledge of our profession, which includes interaction and networking. I would like to see our membership expand to even more engagement this year - that is why my speech will be brief!

I came across an advertisement by ALL Family of Companies that I would like to share with you. It said “Alone, we have limits. Together, we have none.” The ad showed that if you take “ME”, flip it vertically, you have “WE”. Further stated in this ad was “Many great leaders attribute their success to teamwork. And teamwork takes integrity. More than just honesty, integrity also means wholeness – the sum of the parts. At ALL – starting with a code of values established by our founders – every branch, every department, and every person
adds up to more than just the sum of the parts. We are complete. A reliable partner, every job, every day. Together with you, we’re everything.” I wholeheartedly believe this about our association and our members. We have “No Limits”, especially when we have each other to turn to.

To our 1st, 2nd and 3rd year colleagues, as well as our seasoned members, I am reaching out to you to grow along with us. Joining a committee is another means of gaining knowledge, experience, and, of course, “points”. Most meetings are held by conference call, so surely you can spare an hour a month to share your insights on the activities and goals of a committee and even our association. After all, you are our upcoming leadership, and you will be needed to replace those of us who will be retiring soon.

I am confident we will have another successful year, especially with Bea, Stacey and Cheryl by my side, along with the rest of our board members. They are professionals beyond words, and I am grateful to be serving along their sides.

I would like to thank our invaluable partners for their superior support: The Executive Staff with the FLC; Beth Rawlins Inc.; The Institute of Government; and the Center for Local Government Excellence.

I hope everyone knows I am approachable, and all your board members and committee chairs are too. We all have to do certain duties sitting down, if you know what I mean (首富), and we are no different than you. Let us avoid being “me” and become “WE” and let us join together in having “No Limits” to success!

Rock on my colleagues, ROCK ON!
Thank you everyone!