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David Smith is New Chairman of Florida TaxWatch

TALLAHASSEE — Florida TaxWatch announced the appointment of David A. Smith, Chairman and CEO of PSS World Medical in Jacksonville, as its new Chairman of the Board. Smith's term began at the organization's recent annual meeting in Palm Beach.

"Florida is facing a dynamic time of great opportunities and challenges. TaxWatch is a highly respected and results-oriented organization with a 28-year track record of nonpolitical and unbiased analysis, investigation, and research into the most important issues for the State," said Smith. "As a Florida native, parent, and stakeholder, I am proud to be associated with the organization and look forward to contributing to its continued success."

Smith was previously the Chairman of the Florida TaxWatch Substitute Communications Tax Task Force, which provided compelling information that encouraged the Legislature to repeal this highly anti-competitive and harmful tax.

"David Smith is a very bright, focused, and effective business and civic leader who will help Florida TaxWatch advance the best interest of all Florida taxpayers over the next two years," said Dominic M. Calabro, President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch.

Smith was named PSS World Medical's President in October 2000, Chief Executive Officer in January 2002, and Chairman of the Board in March 2007. He is a Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian and a member of the United Way Tocqueville Society. Smith also sits on the boards of various other nonprofit, civic, and academic organizations, including the Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA) and the Business Administration Advisory Council for the University of North Florida, his alma mater.

He is married to Mary Jane and has a son, Ryan, and daughter, Alex.

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Florida TaxWatch is a statewide, non-profit, non-partisan research institute that over its 28 year history has become widely recognized as the watchdog of citizens' hard-earned tax dollars. Its mission is to provide the citizens of Florida and public officials with high quality, independent research and education on government revenues, expenditures, taxation, public policies and programs and to increase the productivity and accountability of Florida government. Its support comes from homeowners and retirees, small and large businesses, philanthropic foundations, and professional associations. On the web at www.FloridaTaxWatch.org.