



## **Julie Thomas seeking reelection to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners**

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### **Monroe County Commissioner Julie Thomas announced on Thursday that she plans to run to retain her seat.**

Thomas, a Democrat, currently represent District 2 on the county commissioners.

“It’s been an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of Monroe County since 2013.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue that service and the progress we have made,” Thomas said in a news release.

As a county commissioner, Thomas worked with her colleagues on a number of key projects. According to the news release, projects include:

- Expanding the Monroe County trail system;
- Launching a new county website ;
- Supporting effective and efficient fire service in the rural areas of the county through the development of the Monroe Fire Protection District;
- Championing energy conservation efforts such as making county buildings more energy efficient and installing solar panels on three county buildings, with plans to install more at the highway garage; and
- Guiding the expansion of the Monroe Convention Center

In addition, Thomas anticipates a criminal justice reform study would require careful attention in the future.

“We expect to receive the report soon. Just as we engaged with county leaders and the community to compile the data, we will rely on residents and county officials to guide the implementation of the recommendations,” Thomas said in a news release. “The goal is to ensure the criminal justice system in Monroe County is fair and equitable and with cost-effective solutions.”

Prior to serving on the county commissioners, Thomas was a county council member from

2009 to 2012. She has also served on the Monroe County Plan Commission since 2009 and was a past chair of the Monroe County Democratic Women's Caucus. The release also states that as a community volunteer, she is a member of the WFHB Board of Directors and has served women at Middle Way House and Planned Parenthood.

Thomas earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University and is an educator at Franklin College and Southern New Hampshire University.

To learn more about Thomas' campaign, residents can email [juliethomasforcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:juliethomasforcommissioner@gmail.com).