

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-48

(State Attorney Executive Assignment)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Alexander Clyde Pelzer has filed a motion for early termination of probation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, handled the original case under Executive Order 17-138, for which the defendant received a probationary sentence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN has also advised the Governor that the original conflict continues to exist as during the November 2016 state attorney election campaign, his predecessor publicly commented on evidence in this case which was widely reported; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the motion for early termination of probation and all related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable BRIAN HAAS discharge the duties of the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed,” and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1. The Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the motion for early termination of probation and all matters related to Alexander Clyde Pelzer.

Section 2. The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3. All residents of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4. The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including March 2, 2023.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before February 2, 2023, if additional time is required.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 2nd day of March, 2022.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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