WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that George Zachary Chronister has a pending motion to terminate probation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Florida, handled the original case under Executive Order 17-57, as amended by Executive Order 17-68 and extended by Executive Order 18-79; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANDREW H. WARREN has also advised the Governor that the original conflict continues to exist as George Zachary Chronister is related to an employee of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office; 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 to terminate probation and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth 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 ED BRODSKY 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 ED BRODSKY, State Attorney for the Twelfth 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 to terminate probation, and all matters related to George Zachary Chronister.

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 April 7, 2023.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 7, 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 7th day of April 2022.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE