WHEREAS, the Honorable MONIQUE H. WORRELL, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Harold George Uhrig filed an unopposed/agreed to motion to recuse the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida in Case No. 49-2021-CF-003025; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court found that employees of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida are firsthand witnesses to the conduct the defendant is accused of and disqualification is appropriate under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court issued an order granting the aforementioned motion to recuse and forwarded the order to the Executive Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; 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 MONIQUE H. WORRELL 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 MONIQUE H. WORRELL, State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Harold George Uhrig.

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 Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3. All residents of the Ninth 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 May 2, 2023.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before April 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 May, 2022.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE