

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-161

(Extension of State Attorney Executive Assignment)

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable WILLIAM M. GLADSON, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 17-165, as extended by Executive Orders 18-109, 19-120, 20-129 and 21-115, to the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Bessman Charles-Obinna Okafor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assigned State Attorney has advised the Governor that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not yet been completed as a status hearing is set for September 9, 2022 and the trial date for October 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assigned State Attorney has further advised the Governor that an extension of this assignment is necessary in order to complete the assigned duties; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the assignment of the Assigned State Attorney be continued with respect to the above matters, 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:

Section 1. Executive Order 17-165, as extended by Executive Orders 18-109, 19-120, 20-129 and 21-115, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including June 8, 2023.

Section 2. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 8, 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 6th day of June, 2022.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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