

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-159

(Declaring a Vacancy on the Crescent City Commission)

WHEREAS, article VI, section 4(a) of the Florida Constitution states, “[n]o person convicted of a felony . . . shall be qualified to . . . hold office until restoration of civil rights”; and

WHEREAS, Christopher “Doc” Bailey was convicted of a federal felony in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Bailey’s civil rights have not been restored; and

WHEREAS, Bailey won the general election for Crescent City Commissioner, Group 2, on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the current term of office for Bailey’s seat on the Crescent City Commission commenced on November 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, section 114.01(1)(h), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy in office shall occur “[u]pon the failure of a person elected or appointed to office to qualify for office within 30 days from the commencement of the term of office”; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in office occurred on December 14, 2022, when Bailey failed to qualify for the office of Crescent City Commissioner within 30 days from the commencement of the term of office; and

WHEREAS, section 114.01(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor shall file an Executive Order with the Secretary of State setting forth the facts which give rise to vacancies in office occurring under section 114.01(1)(h), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, having recently been made aware of the foregoing facts and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution

and laws of the State of Florida, declare that a vacancy exists on the Crescent City Commission, which will be filled in accordance with Section 2.04 of the Charter of the City of Crescent City.

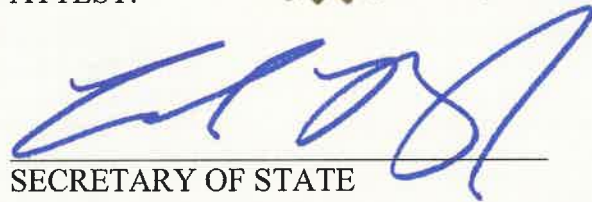


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 7th day of August, 2023.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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