

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-223**

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 09-227, extended by Executive Order 10-232, to the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning a motion for post conviction relief in the case of State of Florida v. Paul Beasley Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned State Attorney has advised the Governor that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not be completed as the Supreme Court reviewed the previously imposed death penalty and directed that a new sentencing proceeding be conducted and it is unlikely that a re-sentencing hearing will occur before 2012; 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, RICK SCOTT, 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 09-227, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including October 13, 2012.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before September 13, 2012, 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 8th day of November, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Atkinson", written over the printed text "SECRETARY OF STATE".

SECRETARY OF STATE

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