

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-189

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that Adolfo Perez, Jr., has been charged with violation of probation in Miami-Dade County Felony Case No. F09-30724B; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was assigned by Executive Order 16-102, as amended by Executive Order 16-114, to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida to handle the investigation of Adolfo Perez, Jr., regarding allegations of criminal use of personal identification and corruption by threat against a public servant. As a result of that investigation, Adolfo Perez, Jr., was arrested, which prompted the violation of probation charge in Miami-Dade County Felony Case No. F09-30724B; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE has also advised the Governor that the conflict giving rise to Executive Order 16-102, as amended by Executive Order 16-114, continues to exist in the violation of probation case, as relatives of an employee of the state attorney's office are potential subjects or witnesses in the subsequent case pending against Adolfo Perez, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself and

has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth 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 MICHAEL J. SATZ discharge the duties of the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, 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, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Aldolfo Perez, Jr.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Eleventh 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 August 17, 2017.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 17, 2017, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Ritzman', is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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