

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-226

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 13-233, and extended by Executive Orders 14-225, 15-169, and 16-212, to the First Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning the prosecution of Jimmy L. Ates and subsequent postconviction litigation; 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 there are ongoing postconviction proceedings; 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 13-233, extended by Executive Orders 14-225, 15-169, and 16-212, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including August 26, 2018.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 26, 2018, 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 21st day of August, 2017.



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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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