

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-238

WHEREAS, the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 16-224 to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning allegations made against Hendry County Sheriff Stephen H. Whidden and Chief Deputy Sheriff Kevin Nelson; 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 the case is still pending and under review; 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 16-224 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including September 29, 2018.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before August 29, 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 13th day of September, 2017.



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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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