

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-257**

WHEREAS, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 15-211, and extended by Executive Order 16-219, to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Mensah Aleem DeHart; 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 defense has not completed discovery and a status hearing is scheduled for November 6, 2017; 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 15-211, extended by Executive Order 16-219, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including October 23, 2018.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before September 23, 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 28th day of September, 2017.

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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT

OF STATE ATTORNEY

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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF EXTENDED ASSIGNMENT

RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, files this application pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes, for an order approving an extension of the executive assignment of a State Attorney for an additional period of one (1) year. In support of this application, it is respectfully shown:

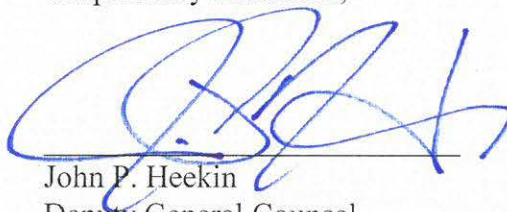
1. By Executive Order 15-211, extended by Executive Order 16-219, the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, the State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, was assigned to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Mensah Aleem DeHart.
2. The Assigned State Attorney has advised the Governor that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not yet been completed as the defense has not completed discovery and a status hearing is scheduled for November 6, 2017.
3. The Assigned State Attorney has further advised the Governor that an extension of this assignment is necessary in order to complete the duties prescribed therein.
4. As evidenced by the terms of Executive Order 17-257, a copy of which is attached hereto, it has been found and determined that it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that Executive Order 15-211, extended by Executive Order 16-219, be extended for an additional

period of one (1) year, with approval of this Honorable Court, pursuant to the provisions of section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, this Honorable Court is requested to approve an extension of the executive assignment of the Assigned State Attorney for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including October 23, 2018.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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ORDER APPROVING EXTENDED ASSIGNMENT

This matter came on to be heard before the Court upon the Application for Approval of Extended Assignment filed by RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes. The application shows good and sufficient cause for approval of an extension of Executive Order 15-211, extended by Executive Order 16-219, in that the duties required by the previous executive assignment have not yet been completed.

Executive Order 17-257 extending by one (1) additional year the assignment of the Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, to and including October 23, 2018, is approved.

cc: Honorable RICK SCOTT  
Honorable KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE  
Honorable Michael J. Satz  
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TEST:

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John A. Tomasino  
Clerk, Supreme Court