

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-118**

WHEREAS, the Honorable R.J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 17-148 to the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Jason Simpson; 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 deadline for filing simultaneous closing arguments is May 7, 2018 and the Court has scheduled the deadline of June 29, 2018 for its Order to be complete; 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 17-148 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including May 15, 2019.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before April 15, 2019, 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 24th day of April, 2018.



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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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