

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-369**

WHEREAS, the Honorable MELISSA W. NELSON, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 17-360 to the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Thomas William Barnes, Jr.; 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 ongoing; 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 17-360 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including December 12, 2019.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before November 12, 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 19th day of December, 2018.



  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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