# STATE OF FLORIDA

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-274

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 19-240, the Honorable KATHERINE

FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, was assigned to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit to discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ relating to allegations made against Rachel Cohen for violation of a domestic violence injunction; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, advised that the State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit is handling a case involving Rachel Cohen; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida to dissolve Executive Order 19-240 and assign this case to the State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ has advised that the same conflict continues to exist as the victim is a former employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida and the ends of justice that the Honorable DAVID ARONBERG discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, pursuant to section 27.14, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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, do hereby issue the following Executive Order effective immediately:

#### Section 1.

Executive Order 19-240 is hereby dissolved.

#### Section 2.

The Honorable DAVID ARONBERG, State Attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable MICHAEL J. SATZ, State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Rachel Cohen.

#### Section 3.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators, who have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney, shall proceed immediately to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

### Section 4.

All residents of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

## Section 5.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including December 13, 2020.

#### Section 6.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before November 13, 2020, if additional time is required.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 13th of December, 2019.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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