## STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-55

WHEREAS, State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 09-256, and extended by Executive Orders 10-240, 11-219, 12-234, 13-300, and 18-115, to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning post-conviction proceedings pending regarding Nicholas Ferro; 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 Court has ordered written closings to be filed within 45 days of receipt of the transcript, which has not yet been received; 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, 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, issue the following Executive Order:

## Section 1.

Executive Order 09-256, extended by Executive Orders 10-240, 11-219, 12-234, 13-300, and 18-115 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including April 24, 2020.

## Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before March 24, 2020, 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 1st day of March, 2019.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE