

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-161

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE H. COLTON, State Attorney for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 19-183 to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) investigation and inquiry into the work release program of Jeffrey Epstein and into other irregularities surrounding the state investigation and ultimate plea agreement pertaining to his case; 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 FDLE's investigation is ongoing and has been hampered and delayed by the COVID-19 issues; 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:

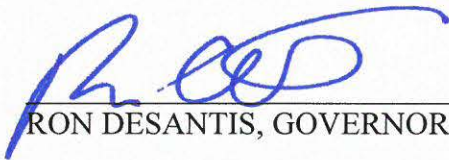
Section 1.

Executive Order 19-183 is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including August 6, 2021.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 6, 2021, 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 July, 2020.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE



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