

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-01

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Tim Lawrence is under investigation for theft or fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL has also advised the Governor that Tim Lawrence is a longtime friend and whose wife previously served as his secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, to avoid a conflict of interest or any appearance of impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable JOHN DURRETT, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit 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 of the ends of justice that the Honorable JOHN DURRETT discharge the duties of the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, 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, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable JOHN DURRETT, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the “Assigned State Attorney,” is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable JACK CAMPBELL, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Tim Lawrence.

Section 2.

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 Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

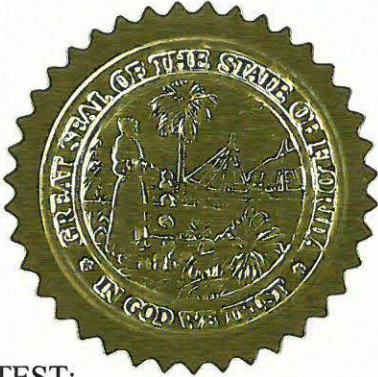
All residents of the Second Judicial Circuit are requested, and all public officials are directed, to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, so that justice may be served.

Section 4.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including January 8, 2022.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before December 8, 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 8th day of January, 2021.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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