STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-192

(State Attorney Executive Assignment)

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RON DESANTIS that Sean Suits, Kenneth Hoyumpa and Ryan Cavanaugh are under investigation for extortion; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT has also advised the Governor that an employee of the state attorney's office is a witness and also has a financial and personal interest in the case; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, 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 ANDREW H. WARREN, State Attorney for the Thirteenth 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 ANDREW H. WARREN discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT 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 ANDREW H. WARREN, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Sean Suits, Kenneth Hoyumpa and Ryan Cavanaugh.

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

Section 3. All residents of the Sixth 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 August 17, 2022.

Section 5. The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 17, 2022, 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 17th day of August, 2021.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST: