

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-239

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor RICK SCOTT that reports of possible misconduct in the Office of the Public Defender of the Fourth Judicial Circuit warrant a review for potential violations of public records laws and any related misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY has also advised the Governor that any investigation of allegations arising out of the Public Defender's Office by her office could be perceived to undermine the Public Defender's representation of clients; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable ANGELA COREY, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified herself and has request the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to the investigation and potential prosecution of this case and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable WILLIAM P. CERVONE discharge the duties of the Honorable ANGELA COREY, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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 WILLIAM P. CERVONE, State Attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable ANGELA COREY, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the investigation, potential prosecution and all matters related to allegations of public records laws violations and any related misconduct in the Office of the Public Defender of the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

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

Section 3.

All residents of the Fourth 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 29, 2014.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before July 29, 2014, 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 29th day of August, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Rick Scott in black ink.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Ken Retzner in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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