

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-75 (Amending Executive Order 17-66)

WHEREAS, Markeith Loyd has been indicted for two counts of First-Degree Murder, a capital felony, and other criminal charges in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, for the killings of Sade Dixon, his pregnant ex-girlfriend, and Lt. Debra Clayton of the Orlando Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, newly-elected State Attorney ARAMIS D. AYALA publicly announced her blanket opposition to seeking the imposition of the death penalty in all pending and future capital felonies without consideration of the circumstances of the offenses and without regard for the presence of applicable statutory aggravators warranting the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, the unequivocal statements of State Attorney ARAMIS D. AYALA raise grave concerns regarding her willingness to abide by and uphold the uniform application of the laws of the State of Florida, and the ends of justice will be best served by the assignment of another state attorney to discharge the duties of State Attorney ARAMIS D. AYALA; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, Executive Order 17-66 was issued, assigning BRAD KING, State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, to the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida to handle the investigation, prosecution, and all matters related to Markeith Loyd; and

WHEREAS, it remains in the best interests of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that State Attorney BRAD KING discharge the duties of State Attorney ARAMIS D. AYALA, 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.

Executive Order 17-66 is amended to incorporate the revised language set forth above.

Section 2.

Except as amended herein, Executive Order 17-66 is ratified and reaffirmed.



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 3rd day of April, 2017.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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