## STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-146

WHEREAS, the Honorable BRIAN HAAS, State Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, was previously assigned by Executive Order 18-196, and extended by Executive Order 19-198, to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida to represent the State of Florida concerning charges pending against Casey Ward and Penny Ward; 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 the case is scheduled for case management conference on June 11, 2020. Due to the current prohibitions on jury trials, it will not be scheduled prior to the expiration of this executive order; 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 18-196, and extended by Executive Order 19-198, is reaffirmed and the executive assignment is extended for an additional period of one (1) year, to and including July 12, 2021.

## Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before June 12, 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 15th day of June, 2020.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOF

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE