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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c), of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, November 6, 2023, in the State of Florida.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—36:

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Avila	Davis	Perry
Baxley	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Berman	Garcia	Powell
Book	Grall	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingolia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Excused: Senators Albritton, Gruters, and Rodriguez

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Rabbi Mendel Danow, Chabad Pensacola:

Honorable Senators, esteemed guests, and all those gathered in the Chamber of the Florida Senate,

With profound humility and reverence, we turn our hearts and minds in prayer to the Almighty, the Master of the Universe. Almighty G-D, in your infinite wisdom, we implore you to bestow upon each Senator and every honorable guest present in this esteemed assembly the gift of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. May their dedicated service to the great State of Florida be blessed and guided by your divine wisdom. As we come together in unity and shared purpose, we humbly request that you extend your benevolent blessings to each soul in this chamber. May their efforts and decisions bring about a flourishing Florida, where the principles of justice, compassion, and unity are upheld. Grant, Almighty G-D, that the members of this house constantly realize that by enacting just laws, they are doing your will.

Our hearts are heavy with concern for our brothers and sisters in Israel, who are facing turmoil and adversity. In this moment of reflection, we pray for the 1,400 men, women, and children who were mercilessly slaughtered. We join in prayer for the safety and well-being of the people of the Land of Israel, millions of Jewish people who are being

attacked daily by violence and terror, and for the 239 men, women, children, and even tiny babies who were brutally kidnapped.

G-D Almighty, we beseech you to provide comfort and support to the families who have suffered the loss of loved ones. Extend your divine protection to those held captive, granting them a swift and safe return to their homes and families. Bring healing to the wounded, and strength and courage to the soldiers of the Israeli Defense Force, who are sacrificing their lives daily to protect the people of the Holy Land, the Land of Israel. We pray for the leaders of Israel, along with the leaders of the United States of America, beseeching you to grant them the wisdom, courage, and resolve to bring about swift and just victory to the challenges they face.

The medieval Biblical commentator known as Rashi taught that the Bible begins with the account of creation in order to express that you, G-D alone, created the world and chose to give the Land of Israel to the children of Israel. In the timeless words of King David in the Book of Psalms: “May there be peace within your walls, tranquility within your palaces.”

May we merit to see the fulfillment of Isaiah’s promise speedily, “Nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” With the coming of the righteous Moshiach, may it be speedily in our days. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Book led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation:

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

We, Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate, and Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session pursuant to Article III, Section 3(c), of the Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023, for a period of 4 days, ending at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Section 2. That the Legislature is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation to:

- A. Provide tax relief and other financial assistance related to damages resulting from Hurricane Idalia.

- B. Expand and fund recovery and resiliency efforts related to natural disasters, including, but not limited to, assisting agriculture and aquaculture producers and extending local government assistance.
- C. Provide a mechanism to increase the number of students served under the Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with disabilities.
- D. Express support for the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign, independent nation, with the right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism; condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by terrorist regimes, including Hamas, against Israel, its citizens, and Americans; and demand the immediate end to any financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, or other entities that publicly support these attacks.
- E. Expand the designation criteria for scrutinized companies having business operations in the Islamic Republic of Iran to include additional industry sectors.
- F. Limit the circumstances under which the State Board of Administration may no longer list scrutinized companies having business operations in the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- G. Provide financial assistance for security infrastructure to entities located in this state which are at high risk for violent attacks or hate crimes.
- H. Provide appropriations to implement such legislation.

Section 3. That the committees and subcommittees of either house of the Legislature, as directed by the undersigned, are authorized to consider legislation within the purview of this proclamation from this date forward.



Kathleen Passidomo
President
The Florida Senate
October 20, 2023



Paul Renner
Speaker
The Florida House
of Representatives
October 20, 2023

Duly filed with and received by the Florida Department of State in Tallahassee this 20th day of October, 2023.

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS INSIDE THE CALL

FIRST READING

By Senator Simon—

SB 2-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disaster relief; creating s. 193.4518, F.S.; defining terms; providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment rendered unable to

be used due to Hurricane Idalia; specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; providing procedures for petitioning the value adjustment board if an application is denied; providing applicability; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of certain fencing materials used to replace or repair fences damaged by Hurricane Idalia on agricultural lands; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the Department of Revenue of previously paid taxes; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of building materials used to replace or repair nonresidential farm buildings damaged by Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department of previously paid taxes; defining the terms “building materials” and “nonresidential farm building”; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing an exemption from certain fuel taxes for fuel purchased, within a certain timeframe, for use for agricultural shipment or hurricane debris removal after Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department; defining terms; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing applicability and construction; providing for retroactive operation; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; revising legislative intent; specifying a requirement for the Department of Financial Services in implementing the My Safe Florida Home Program; authorizing the department to accept applications for the program up to the amount of available funds; providing an appropriation for certain applications for the program; prohibiting the department from continuing to accept certain applications or creating a waiting list in anticipation of additional funding in the absence of express authority from the Legislature to do so; providing an appropriation for administration of the My Safe program; amending s. 252.37, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the Division of Emergency Management and local governments to enter into certain agreements to receive specified funds; providing requirements for such agreements; providing for availability of funds; requiring the division to report progress on a certain timetable to specified parties; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the Public Assistance Program; providing requirements for appropriated funds; authorizing the undisbursed appropriation to carry forward to a certain date; amending s. 252.71, F.S.; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions related to the Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation; amending s. 288.066, F.S.; revising the maximum length of a loan term under the Local Government Emergency Revolving Bridge Loan Program; authorizing the Department of Commerce to amend certain previously executed loan agreements under certain circumstances; providing an appropriation for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program; requiring such appropriations to be used for specified purposes; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to coordinate with the division and the Department of Commerce for a specified purpose; providing an appropriation for hurricane repair and recovery projects within counties with a certain Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster designation; authorizing certain entities to apply for such appropriated funds; requiring such entities requesting funding for certain purposes to secure certain matching funds by the time of making the application; requiring certain certifications for applications for appropriated funds; authorizing the division to request budget amendments up to a specified amount to fund gaps in certain projects; requiring the division and certain entities to coordinate for a specified purpose; specifying criteria for providing appropriated funds as grants or loans; requiring reimbursed funds to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; providing for appropriations for the Small County Outreach Program for certain counties; amending chapter 2023-304, Laws of Florida; revising a prohibition on counties and municipalities proposing or adopting certain amendments to their comprehensive plans or land development regulations; revising the expiration date of such prohibition; providing an appropriation for certain planning and design grants; authorizing certain fiscally constrained coun-

ties to apply for appropriated funds; requiring the division to prioritize certain applications; requiring the division to conduct a certain assessment and consider certain information; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Commerce to award certain grants to certain fiscally constrained counties; providing a purpose and eligible uses for such grants; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the grants; repealing s. 570.82, F.S., relating to Agricultural Economic Development Program disaster loans and grants and aid; creating s. 570.822, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing the purpose of the program; establishing the authorized use of the loans; requiring that structures or buildings constructed with loan funds meet certain standards; requiring the department to adopt such standards by rule; requiring that the loans be low-interest or interest-free; providing loan limits; establishing eligibility requirements for loans; establishing application periods; setting the terms of repayment; providing for a reduction in the principal balance by a certain amount each year; restricting the amount the department may use for deferred loans; requiring repayment upon the sale of the property within a certain timeframe; specifying requirements for the department in administering the program; requiring the department to create and maintain a separate account in the General Inspection Trust Fund for the program; requiring that loan payments be returned to the loan program; providing that appropriated funds are not subject to reversion; requiring the department, or a specified third-party administrator, to manage the loan fund; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the department to provide an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; providing for the expiration of the program on a specified date, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; exempting loans made by the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program from certain taxes; requiring the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the program; providing for the expiration of such authority; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer a specified amount from the General Revenue Fund to the General Inspection Trust Fund within the department within a specified timeframe; providing appropriations for the program and a cost-sharing grant program for timber landowners in specified counties; limiting the amount the department may use to administer the programs; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the cost-sharing grant program; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Collins—

SB 4-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; revising the number of certain students eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Calatayud—

SB 6-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to security grants; amending s. 252.3712, F.S.; expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to include additional organizations; specifying that grants may be used for certain materials; revising eligibility criteria to be awarded a grant; requiring that certain rules be adopted by the Division of Emergency Management; requiring the division to provide certain information to the Legislature annually by a specified date; requiring the division to adopt emergency rules by a specified date; providing appropriations; requiring reversion of unexpended funds; providing for future appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

By Senator Berman—

SR 8-C—A resolution expressing support for the State of Israel and condemning the attacks and hateful actions by the Hamas terrorist group.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By Senator Avila—

SB 10-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to scrutinized companies; amending s. 215.473, F.S.; defining terms; revising the definition of the term “scrutinized company”; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify and maintain the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring the board to update and quarterly make such list publicly available; requiring the State Board of Administration to adhere to specified procedures to assemble companies on such list; providing that companies on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List as of a specified date are deemed, beginning on a certain date, to be on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List until removed pursuant to specified procedures; requiring the board to file a certain report with each member of its Board of Trustees and the Legislature within a specified timeframe after the list is created or updated; requiring the board to no longer scrutinize companies subject to the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, to no longer assemble the list, and to cease engagement, investment prohibitions, and divestment actions if two specified actions occur; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 287.135, F.S.; providing that certain entities are ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew certain contracts; requiring that certain contracts entered into or renewed on or after a specified date with an agency or a local governmental entity contain a provision allowing for the termination of such contract under specified circumstances; revising the exception allowing an agency or a local governmental entity to contract with a company on specified lists or engaged in business operations with certain countries; providing the circumstances under which an agency or a local governmental entity may contract with a company on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring a company to certify that it is not on certain lists at the time the company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or a local governmental entity; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.449, F.S.; requiring domestic insurers to annually provide to the Office of Insurance Regulation a list of companies in which they have investments which are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; reenacting s. 215.47(10)(b), F.S., relating to certain investment decisions made by the State Board of Administration, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 215.473, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

VETOED BILLS 2023 REGULAR SESSION

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 2, 2023

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 230

(CS/CS/SB 230), enacted during the 125th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2023 and entitled:

An act relating to Health Care Practitioner Titles and Designations

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 28, 2023

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 284 (CS/CS/SB 284), enacted during the 125th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2023 and entitled:

An act related to Energy

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 30, 2023

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1188 (CS/CS/SB 1188), enacted during the 125th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2023 and entitled:

An act related to Contract Liability

Establishing a statutory cap on vendor liability unnecessarily hampers agencies in contract negotiations, potentially putting taxpayers at risk of harm at the hands of irresponsible vendors.

The Department of Management Services has existing authority to establish standard contract terms for use by state agencies which is outlined in the Florida Administrative Code. Current rules limit vendor liability as a starting point while giving agencies the flexibility to alter such terms when in the best interest of the state, protecting taxpayer funds.

Given that these rules have not been updated in some time, I am directing the Department to immediately initiate rulemaking to modernize these provisions. Doing so will allow the vendor community and impacted state agencies to provide feedback.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/SB 1188 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 27, 2023

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1478 (CS/SB 1478), enacted during the 125th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2023 and entitled:

An act relating to Criminal Sentencing

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 15, 2023

Dear Secretary Byrd:

I presented my recommended budget in February of this year, laying out a blueprint for the Free State of Florida. Since then, I have signed monumental legislation that promises Floridians will enjoy fundamental freedoms for years to come. The Fiscal Year 2023-24 Framework for Freedom Budget invests historic funding in Educational Freedom, Florida's natural resources, and the safety of all Floridians.

Florida parents now have the choice of what educational environment is best for their children. This year, we provided \$2.7 billion in tax relief to Florida families, the largest amount of tax relief in our state's history, and includes permanent tax cuts on baby and toddler items, such as cribs, strollers and diapers. \$4 billion is provided for the Moving Florida Forward Initiative to accelerate transportation projects across the state. These record investments, despite record inflationary levels at the hands of the federal government, are a testament to the strength of Florida's economy. In addition to these significant investments, the Framework for Freedom Budget maintains major reserves in excess of \$15 billion, which includes the \$510.9 million in line-item vetoes I am issuing, to ensure that our State remains resilient and responsive to unforeseen emergencies.

Florida leads. We prioritize the rights of our families to earn a living, go to school, and worship in church. We work together to produce results. Bridges are built in days. Schools are open. Our economy is strong. This framework for freedom will serve as Florida's blueprint for success for generations to come.

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do

hereby withhold my approval of portions of Senate Bill 2500, enacted during the 125th Session of the Legislature, and entitled:

WJCT-TV/FM, Jacksonville - Resurface Damaged Studio Floor Phase 2 172,134

WJCT-TV/FM, Jacksonville - Renovate Damaged Restrooms Phase 2 631,160

WKGC-FM, Panama City - Replace Failing Main Generator, Transfer Switch, and Fuel Tank 215,050

WMFE-FM, Orlando - Repair and Refurbish Failing Lift (Sanitation) Station - Phase 2. 508,431

WMFE-FM, Orlando - Replace Fire Alarm System 197,347

WMNF-FM, Tampa - Replace Main Generator and Fuel Tank 479,770

WSRE-TV, Pensacola - Replace Studio Transmitter Link . . . 100,000

WUCF-TV, Orlando - Purchase and Install Emergency Backup Transmitter 625,000

WUFT-TV/FM, Gainesville - Replace FAA Safety Lights . . . 150,000

WUSF-FM, Tampa/St. Petersburg - Replace Obsolete Electrical Systems 392,750

WUSF-FM, Tampa - Replace Damaged Upper Guy Wires. . . 172,134

WUWF-FM, Pensacola - Replace Obsolete Backup Generator and Transfer Switch 593,000

WXEL-TV, Boynton Beach - Replace Aging HVAC Systems and Building Automation and Infrastructure - Phase 2 600,000"

Specific Appropriation 23B Page 9

"Polk County Public Schools - Heartland Biztown & Finance Park (SF 1232) (HF 0966). 750,000"

"Sarasota Academy of the Arts - Campus Expansion Project (SF 2720) (HF 1448) 600,000"

Specific Appropriation 58 Page 15

"Barry BIG: Bridging Industry Gaps - Focus on Health Care Workforce (SF 1301) (HF 0281) 653,216"

"Florida Career College - Student Expense Assistance Program (SF 3216) (HF 0767). 400,000"

"Herzing University - Advanced Nursing Lab/Simulation Training Center (SF 1049) (HF 0099) 400,000"

"Miami Media School - Fair and Balanced Media Scholarship Program (SF 1312) (HF 0743). 500,000"

"St. Thomas University - Institute for Law, Liberty, & Civics (SF 3242) (HF 1340) 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 59A Page 16

"Webber International University- Health Science Building (SF 1263) (HF 0004). 250,000"

Specific Appropriation 76 Pages 19 and 20

"Riviera Beach School Readiness Outreach Initiative (SF 2094) 218,000"

Specific Appropriation 86 Pages 26 and 27

"Guide Right Boys Leadership, Education, and Mentorship Program (SF 3090) (HF 0729). 150,000"

An act making appropriations; providing monies for the annual period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay – buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government; providing an effective date.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following line items in the 2023-24 General Appropriations Act:

SECTION 2 — EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

Specific Appropriation 17 Pages 6 and 7

"Northeast Ridge Phase I (SF 1147) (HF 0611) 16,200,000"

"Multiuse Driving Range Training Facility (SF 2121) (HF 1844) 3,200,000
Swimming Pool (SF 3207). 500,000
ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE
STEAM Complex Rem/Add-Palatka (SF 3208) 34,152,450"

Specific Appropriation 18 Pages 7 and 8

"Reed Hall Renovations 14,494,567"

"FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Student Achievement Center 11,208,748"

"Hydrogen Research Center (SF 2713) (HF 1410) 4,000,000"

"Academic and Research Collaboration Center (SF 2958) (HF 2103). 11,000,000"

"Sarasota-Manatee Campus Academic STEM Nursing Facility (SF 1036) (HF 0401). 20,000,000"

"Southside Residence Halls Demolition (SF 1464) (HF 0362) 5,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 23A Pages 8 and 9

"23A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
PUBLIC BROADCASTING PROJECTS
FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL
OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE TRUST FUND 6,435,609

Nonrecurring funds in Specific Appropriation 23A are provided for the following projects to correct health and safety issues, correct building deficiencies, and complete renovations at public broadcasting stations:

WDNA-FM, Miami - Replace Leaking HVAC Air Handler 19,855

WEDU-TV, Tampa/St. Petersburg - Replace Mildewed and Unhealthy Ceiling Tiles 347,628

WEFS-TV, Cocoa - Apply Galvanized Coating to Deteriorating Antenna Tower 18,850

WFIT-FM, Melbourne - Replace Obsolete Main Satellite Dish Phase 2 576,500

WFSU-TV/FM, Tallahassee - Replace Emergency Equipment . 57,000

WFSU-TV/FM, Tallahassee - Repaint Tower to Meet FAA Safety Requirements 54,000

WGCU-TV/FM, Ft. Myers/Naples - Replace Obsolete Backup Generator 175,000

WGCU-TV/FM, Ft. Myers/Naples - Replace Unsafe Lighting Grid 350,000

"Rolling Readers Space Coast Post Pandemic Reading Initiative (SF 1982) (HF 1617) 150,000
The Parent Help Center Training Facility (SF 2536) (HF 1740) 1,091,360"

Specific Appropriation 95
Pages 28 and 29

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 95, \$735,006 in nonrecurring funds is provided for the Solving with Students (SF 2939) (HF 1964)."

Specific Appropriation 96
Pages 29 through 31

"Florida Music Education Association (SF 3101) 60,000"

"Lil' Abner Foundation (SF 2338) (HF 1345) 525,000"

"Muzology (SF 1012) (HF 0125) 500,000"

"School Bond Issuance Database (SF 1308) (HF 0301) 670,223"

"The Ben Franklin Project (SF 1826) (HF 1562) 2,000,000
The Greatest Save Teen Program (SF 1493) (HF 0084) 225,000"

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 96, \$2,100,000 in recurring funds is provided to the Department of Education for the purpose of providing a salary increase to full-time classroom teachers employed by a juvenile justice education program or school as defined in section 1003.01(11)(a), Florida Statutes, that aligns with the minimum base salary for a full-time classroom teacher pursuant to section 1011.62(14), Florida Statutes. To be eligible for the salary increase, a juvenile justice education program or school must have a current contract with a school district for the provision of educational assessments and appropriate programs of instruction and special education services pursuant to section 1003.52(3), Florida Statutes.

Before the distribution of funds, each school district eligible to receive these funds must develop and submit to the Department of Education, a report that identifies by juvenile justice education program or school, the eligible full-time classroom teachers and the associated amount being provided to each teacher to increase the salary level to the minimum base salary amount specified in section 1011.62(14), Florida Statutes."

Specific Appropriation 100
Pages 31 through 33

"Aerospace Center for Excellence and Sun 'n Fun Long Term Resiliency Plan (SF 1677) (HF 0662) 450,000"

"B. Wright Leadership Academy's Excellence in STEAM Program, Serving Disadvantaged Youth (SF 2192) (HF 2219) 100,000"

"Carpentry - Viera High School (SF 1984) (HF 0852) 100,000
Certified Teens (SF 1240) (HF 0121) 175,000"

"Community Scholars - Central Florida (SF 2932) (HF 2232) 140,000
Creating Personalized Pathways for Accelerated Learning Toward Graduation and Career Readiness (SF 3206) (HF 1876) 250,000"

"Dibia DREAM 'DREAM Academy & STEM Saturdays' (SF 1277) (HF 0830) 750,000"

"Every Child Has a Dream Program (SF 2444) (HF 0222) . . . 300,000
Expanding Elementary Career and Technical Education Opportunities (SF 2535) (HF 1258) 850,000"

"Growing Beyond Earth STEM Education Program (SF 1446) (HF 1931) 995,000"

"Guy Harvey Foundation's Get Kids Salty Education Pathway in Bay County (SF 1733) (HF 1360) 2,000,000"

"Northeast Florida 21st Century Workforce Development (SF 2673) (HF 2183) 400,000"

"Striving for Excellence Inc. (SF 1437) (HF 1242) 165,000
Student Workforce Development Program (HF 1980) 130,626
Summer Boost Kindergarten Readiness Camp (SF 1940) 250,000
Supporting Parents, Teachers and Students to Improve Science Test Scores in Florida (SF 2666) (HF 1569) 307,637"

"The JA HOPE Project for Brevard County (SF 2163) (HF 0071) 150,000"

"Wayman Academy of the Arts (SF 3137) (HF 1958) 350,000
Weston Music Society In School Music Program and Music Grants (SF 3245) (HF 0625) 12,000"

"Youth Resiliency Program of Southwest Florida (SF 2507) (HF 1412) 350,000"

Specific Appropriation 104
Pages 35 and 36

"KIPP Capacity/Growth Project (SF 1760) (HF 1325) 1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 105
Page 36

"Education Foundation of Sarasota County HUB facility (SF 2180) (HF 1435) 1,500,000
Fire Sprinkler Compliance (HF 0716) 142,000"

"Wayman Academy of the Arts (SF 3137) (HF 1958) 150,000"

Specific Appropriation 119
Page 41

"Adult Literacy League - Building a Thriving Central Florida through Literacy and Education (SF 2709) (HF 2325) 25,000
Career Online Adult High School Program for State of Florida Library System (SF 1713) (HF 0895) 750,000"

SECTION 3 — HUMAN SERVICES

Specific Appropriation 240A
Page 82

"ASC Disability Theatre Enrichment Program for Neurodiverse Individuals (SF 1320) (HF 1870) 350,000"

Specific Appropriation 243A
Page 83

"Employ Special Needs Community - New Home For Promise Inc. Treasures Thrift Shoppe (SF 1530) (HF 1170) 250,000"

"Hurricane Hardening at The Arc of Palm Beach County's South Campus (Palm Springs, FL) (SF 1284) (HF 247) 555,000"

Specific Appropriation 315
Pages 92 and 93

"Amour Creations by G'Bre - Piloting Our Youth Program (SF 1684) (HF 1213) 200,000"

"EJS Project Teen Center (SF 1233) (HF 1898) 250,000"

"Family Support Services of North Florida - Community Reinvestment (SF 2149) (HF 1865) 350,000"

"Florida Coalition for Children Foundation - Center for Parent Leadership (SF 1754) (HF 571) 250,000"

"Making An Impact Community Resource Guide for Basic Needs Services (SF 1185) (HF 977) 16,768"

Specific Appropriation 354 Page 100	"Jackson Health System Burn Clinic (SF 2737) (HF 2303) . . .100,000"
"City of Deland - The Bridge Homeless Shelter (SF 2367) (HF 1762)500,000"	"TechHealth Initiative - Orange County (SF 2726) (HF 2320)200,000"
"Hardee County Ministerial Association - Hardee Help Center (SF 2075) (HF 1852) 200,000 HOPE (Helping Our People Everyday) Mission - Miami-Dade (SF 2261) (HF 228)105,000"	"University of South Florida Simulation Modeling to Reduce Opioid Overdose (SF 3156) 2,900,500"
Specific Appropriation 378 Pages 104 through 106	Specific Appropriation 474B Pages 124 and 125
"Academy at Glengary - Workforce Training and Job Placement (SF 1662) (HF 520)350,000"	"Golden Beach Wellness Center (SF 1445) (HF 104)550,000"
"Camp Boggy Creek - Childrens' Mental Health Sessions (SF 1365) (HF 630)350,000"	Specific Appropriation 483 Pages 126 and 127
"City of West Park - Mental Health Initiative (SF 2862) (HF 771)150,000"	"Havana Community Development Corporation (HCDC) Economic Project (HF 535)200,000"
"Dellenbach Foundation - Fresh Start Program (SF 1976) (HF 999)50,000"	Specific Appropriation 530 Page 132
"Florida Recovery Schools of Central Florida (SF 1163) (HF 1004)100,000"	"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 530, \$100,000 in non- recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the We Reach Foundation Entrepreneur and Health Empowerment Program (HF 2066)."
"Hispanic Unity of Florida - LIFT + HEAL (Lifting Individuals from Postpartum Trauma) (SF 1673) (HF 801) . . .500,000"	Specific Appropriation 539 Pages 133 through 136
"Pinellas County Urban League - Center for Trauma Recovery, Wellness, and Healing Justice (SF 1357) (HF 1782)965,000"	"Cayuga Centers Healthy Steps Program Expansion (SF 1471) (HF 1522)733,735"
"Small Steps, Big Progress - Mental Health Dimensions of Wellness (HF 2231)100,000"	Specific Appropriation 593A Page 142
"Volusia Recovery Alliance - Freedom to Change/Inmate Sustained Recovery Program (SF 2169) (HF 1159)96,000"	"Florida Senior Veterans in Crisis Fund (SF 1433) (HF 371)360,000"
"Miami-Dade County - Increasing Access to Opioid Treatment (SF 1583) (HF 1151)737,500"	<hr/> SECTION 4 — CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS <hr/>
Specific Appropriation 387A Pages 108 and 109	Specific Appropriation 748 Pages 158 and 159
"Operation PAR Largo Campus - Residential Flooding Remedy (SF 3228) (HF 1784)180,960"	"Balanced Community Justice Project (SF 1097) (HF 1270)183,710"
"Pinellas County Urban League - Center for Trauma Recovery, Wellness, and Healing Justice (SF 1357) (HF 1782)150,000"	"Second Chance Program - 6th Judicial Circuit (SF 1376) (HF 1141)350,000"
Specific Appropriation 404 Pages 112 and 113	Second Chance Program - 7th Judicial Circuit (SF 1495) (HF 0847)350,000"
"City of Hallandale Beach - Austin Hepburn Senior Mini Center (SF 3210) (HF 763)111,006"	Specific Appropriation 867 Page 177
"City of Opa-locka Senior Programming (SF 2608) (HF 2230)500,000"	"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 867, \$573,800 in non- recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Smart Justice Data Transparency and Crime Strategies Unit (SF 1598)."
Specific Appropriation 410A Pages 113 and 114	Specific Appropriation 1207 Pages 215 and 216
"CARES One Stop Senior Center Dade City (SF 3168)642,927"	"Clay County Youth Alternative to Secured Detention (S.W.E.A.T. Program) (SF 1430) (HF 2044)250,000 Family Trauma Training for Youth in Both Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare (SF 1814) (HF 0553)250,000"
Specific Appropriation 458 Pages 119 through 121	"Medley Youth Crime Prevention Program (SF 3140) (HF 1479)50,000"
"Big Bend Hospice - Access to Rural Healthcare - Mobile Medical Units (SF 2265)250,000"	"Voices for Children - At-Risk Youth Advocacy Program (SF 1817)100,000"
"Florida Safe Patient Movement Program (SF 2636) (HF 1769)850,000"	Specific Appropriation 1214A Page 217
"Golden Beach Wellness Center (SF 1445) (HF 104)300,000"	"AMIkids Feasibility Study (SF 3159)250,000"

"The LAB YMCA Leadership Academy (SF 1167)
(HF 1580)447,900"

Specific Appropriation 1275
Pages 223 and 224

"Community, Cops, Courts & State Attorney Violent Crime
Intervention/Seminole County (SF 1106) (HF 0001)492,411"

"Miramar Public Safety Special Operations Center Phase I
(SF 2815) (HF 1353).250,000"

"Palm Beach County Sheriff - The Unmanned Aerial Response
Team (UART) (SF 1869) (HF 0270)500,000"

"Ponce Inlet Police Department Solar Electronic Messaging
Boards (HF 1878)36,000"

"Tampa Police Department License Plate Reader Technology
(SF 3149) (HF 1009). 200,000
The Florida State Tribute at the United States Law
Enforcement Eternal Flame Park and the Florida Law
Enforcement Education Initiative (SF 1816) (HF 0566)250,000"

"West Palm Beach - Incident Command Vehicle (SF 1172)
(HF 0516).498,943"

Specific Appropriation 1281A
Pages 225 and 226

"City of Belle Isle Public Safety Facility (SF 2663)
(HF 2331). 875,000
City of Belleview Information Technology Infrastructure
(SF 1811) (HF 0313).112,000"

"City of Fruitland Park Emergency Operations Center/Public
Safety Building (SF 1706) (HF 1055)500,000"

"Ormond Beach Police Department and Emergency
Operations Center (SF 2165) (HF 2203) 1,451,875"

"The Florida State Tribute at the United States Law
Enforcement Eternal Flame Park and the Florida Law
Enforcement Education Initiative (SF 1816) (HF 0566) . . . 2,250,000"

Specific Appropriation 1288A
Page 226

"1288A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND
PREVENTION GRANT
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 5,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1288A are provided to establish a Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant program. The department shall award grants to nonprofit organizations and community-based partnerships that serve communities disproportionately impacted by violence to implement or expand violence reduction programs. These programs may include, but are not limited to, hospital-based violence intervention programs, street outreach or interrupter programs, group violence intervention programs, and school-based intervention programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing homicide and group violence. The department may also award grants to programs that provide targeted prevention and intervention services to assist those disproportionately at-risk of violence, particularly programs designed to interrupt cycles of violence, re-injury, and retaliation."

Specific Appropriation 1387
Pages 238 and 239

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1387, \$1,100,000 from the Pari-Mutuel wagering Trust Fund is provided for the Florida Gaming Control Commission to procure a study on best practices for the commission. The study shall examine best practices of other state gaming regulatory bodies' regulations and enforcement operations and make recommendations to the commission for regulatory and enforcement reforms and recommendations to the Legislature of any statutory

changes required to implement the recommended reforms. From these funds, the commission may utilize up to \$300,000 to procure a study of the commission's licensing requirements. The study shall also include an analysis of the commission's licensing system needs and provide requirement recommendations. The studies must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 15, 2023."

**SECTION 5 — NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/
GROWTH MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

Specific Appropriation 1445
Page 245

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1445, \$250,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Florida Green Jobs Youth Initiative (SF 1381) (HF 2222)."

Specific Appropriation 1449B
Page 246

"1449B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
NEWBERRY MEAT PROCESSING AND TRAINING
FACILITY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,750,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1449B are provided for the City of Newberry Meat Processing and Training Facility (SF 1644) (HF 1785)."

Specific Appropriation 1463A
Page 247

"1463A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT
FUNDING - ENERGY PROGRAMS
FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND 24,118,070"

Specific Appropriation 1463B
Page 247

"1463B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING - ENERGY
PROGRAMS
FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND 5,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 1472A
Page 248

"1472A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
CONSERVATION AND RURAL LAND PROTECTION
EASEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND.100,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 1473A
Page 248

"1473A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY REFORESTATION
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND 4,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 1546B
Pages 256 and 257

"Fort Meade Emergency Shelter and Agricultural Center
(SF 2057) (HF 1262).250,000"

"Hamilton County Fairgrounds (SF 2316) (HF 1651)300,000"

"Jefferson County Horse Arena (SF 2412) (HF 1698)475,000"

"Madison County Livestock Arena (SF 2413) (HF 1579) . . 1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 1576
Page 260

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1576, \$150,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to fund the voluntary testing of avocado trees for laurel wilt and for mitigation strategies including treatments, replanting, and the destruction of infected trees (SF 1544) (HF 0918)."

Specific Appropriation 1589A
Page 261

"Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive (SF 2336) (HF 2268) 400,000"

Specific Appropriation 1613
Page 265

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1613, \$950,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Florida Panhandle Data-Driven Planning, Resiliency and Emergency Response (SF 2522) (HF 1926)."

Specific Appropriation 1640A
Page 267

"Kirkland Ranch Land Acquisition (SF 2463) (HF 2014) 30,800,000"

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1640A, \$110,000 in nonrecurring funds in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund are provided as a transfer from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purchase of land utilized by the Holmes Correctional Institution Work Camp. From these funds, no more than \$10,000 shall be allocated for attorney fees."

Specific Appropriation 1705A
Pages 277 through 283

"Biscayne Park Storm Drainage phase 2 (SF 1791) (HF 0425) 100,000"

"Bradenton Storm Sewer Outfall Tide Check Valves (SF 1627) (HF 1288) 250,000"

"Brooksville Stormwater Master Plan (SF 2103) (HF 0498) 162,500"

"Charlotte County Burnt Store-Harden Control Room (SF 2401) (HF 1603) 300,000"

"Delray Beach Historical Campus Drainage and Parking (SF 1941) (HF 1104) 100,000"

"Delray Beach Public Seawall Improvement (SF 1943) (HF 1217) 1,000,000"

"Deltona - Theresa Basin - Flood Control Study (SF 2651) (HF 1116) 600,000"

"Fernandina Beach Historic Downtown Resiliency Seawall Construction Project (SF 2233) (HF 1336) 1,000,000"

"Florida City Sewer Improvements (SF 1682) (HF 0917) 1,120,000"

"Homestead Wastewater Treatment UV System Replacement (SF 1152) (HF 1518) 500,000"

"Indian Trail Improvement District M-0 Outfall (SF 2162) (HF 0804) 500,000"

"Juno Beach Universe Boulevard Drainage Improvements (SF 2161) (HF 0184) 1,000,000"

"Kissimmee Master Stormwater System and Flood Mitigation Project (Final Phase) (SF 2703) (HF 0260) 250,000"

"Lauderdale Lakes Drainage Improvement Project (SF 1639) (HF 1514) 502,490"

"Lauderhill Maple Run Drainage Improvement (SF 1557) (HF 0939) 800,000"

"Leon County Baum Road Drainage Project (SF 3013) (HF 1536) 350,000"

"Miami Beach Stormwater Pump Water Quality Upgrades (SF 2021) (HF 1061) 400,000"

"Miami Lakes West Lakes Gardens Third Addition Drainage Improvements (SF 1290) (HF 0943) 400,000"

"Miami Shores Village Belvedere Drive Stormwater Drainage Project (SF 1796) (HF 1317) 300,000"

"Miami-Dade County Energy Optimization at Wastewater Facilities (SF 2375) (HF 0863) 375,000"

"New Smyrna Beach Pine Island/Aqua Golf Canal Dredging and Clean-up (SF 1950) (HF 1882) 1,000,000"

"Oak Hill - Infrastructure Expansion (SF 2846) (HF 2238) 3,500,000"

"Old Plantation Water Control District (OPWCD) Pump Stations Rehabilitation and Automation (SF 1552) (HF 1128) 450,000"

"Orange County Utilities - Orlo Vista Integrated Water Resources Project (SF 1581) (HF 1005) 2,000,000"

"Osceola County Buenaventura Lakes Drainage Improvements (SF 2707) (HF 0694) 1,800,000"

"Oviedo West Mitchell Hammock Water Treatment Facility - Tank Construction (SF 1824) (HF 0607) 1,000,000"

"Palm Beach County Glades Region Infrastructure Improvements (SF 1235) (HF 1475) 1,500,000"

"Palm Beach Shores - Lake Worth Inlet, Singer Island Channel Dredging Project (SF 1900) (HF 0057) 1,000,000"

"Parkland Flooding Mitigation (SF 1101) (HF 0134) 200,000"

"Ponce Inlet Storm Drainage Backflow Device and River Outfall Addition (SF 1952) (HF 1888) 62,500"

"Port Orange - Stormwater System Rehabilitation Pipelining (SF 1887) (HF 1021) 350,000"

"Sarasota County - Alligator Creek Aerial Pipe Crossing Replacement Project (SF 2582) (HF 2144) 1,000,000"

"Sarasota Whitaker & Hudson Bayous Water Quality Project (SF 2259) (HF 1439) 800,000"

"Seminole County Midway Drainage Improvements (SF 1957) (HF 2239) 1,000,000"

"South Bay Stormwater Flood Control and Waterway Management Phase 3 (SF 1026) (HF 0508) 150,000"

"South Broward Drainage District - Rehabilitation of Triple 96 inch Metal Drainage Culverts (SF 1089) (HF 0092) 262,500"

"Southwest Ranches SW 57th Court Drainage Improvements (SF 1143) (HF 0090) 340,200"

"Southwest Ranches SW 69th Street Drainage Improvements (SF 1146) (HF 0123) 340,200"

"Sweetwater Drainage Improvements - SW 5th Terrace between SW 113th Ave & SW 114th Ave (SF 1606) (HF 0713) 600,000"

"Tampa Bay Watch Water Quality Improvements (SF 1881) (HF 1638) 1,500,000"

"Tampa Water System Morris Bridge Continuity of Operations Center (SF 2515) (HF 1723) 2,500,000"

"Tampa Bay Water Morris Bridge Wellfield Improvements (SF 1691) (HF 1979) 2,500,000"

"West Melbourne - Flood Risk Reduction Connect Canal 70 to Canal 63 (HF 0149) 363,750"

"Winter Park Stormwater Disaster Resiliency Project (SF 1160) (HF 2316)500,000"

Specific Appropriation 1711C
Page 285

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1711C, \$4,900,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Restore Indian River Lagoon Inflow Project (SF 2804) (HF 2310)."

Specific Appropriation 1721A
Pages 286 and 287

"1721A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FLORIDA WATER ATLAS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1721A are provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to update the 1998 Water Resources Atlas of Florida in coordination with the water management districts. The department may create an Atlas revision committee, consisting of the water management districts and other stakeholders, to assist with reviewing the 1998 Atlas and planning the new Atlas. The department may contract with any university or college in Florida to assist with revising and publishing the updated Atlas. Upon completion, the updated Atlas shall be made available electronically on the department's website and in an illustrated book form for distribution to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature. The department shall provide a progress report to the Executive office of the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2023. The report must provide a summary of progress and expenditures made to date, contribution participants, planned costs, the cost to publish, a timeline for completion, and a distribution list."

Specific Appropriation 1774B
Page 292

"1774B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
CENTRAL FLORIDA PILOT PLANT PROJECT FOR
PHOSPHOGYPSUM RECLAMATION
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 950,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1774B are provided for the Central Florida Pilot Plant Project for Phosphogypsum Reclamation into Calcium Silicate and Sulfur (SF 1482) (HF 1890)."

Specific Appropriation 1780
Page 293

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1780, \$400,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be used for repairs to the George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park."

Specific Appropriation 1786
Page 293

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1786, \$100,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to create a public access website to provide information on trails, fire lanes, administrative roads, and pathways open to equestrians that are available on public lands including those in state parks, state forests, water management districts, wildlife management areas, national forests, national preserves, wildlife refuges, environmental areas, conservation areas, greenways, rail trails, and other local jurisdictions for the purpose of providing access and use information to promote equestrian tourism. These funds shall be used to develop and maintain the website, gather and publish pertinent information such as maps, brochures and hunting dates on such lands, developed through state resources and in conjunction with equestrian trail associations.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1786, \$250,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to improve trails for equestrians through the procurement of signage indicating equestrian trail heads and designating such trail heads as part of the Florida Equestrian Heritage Trail. In addition to Florida

Equestrian Heritage Trail signs at trailheads, these funds may be used for on-trail markers."

Specific Appropriation 1797A
Pages 294 and 295

"Branford Soccer/Football Field Construction with Necessities (SF 2296) (HF 1406) 250,000
Camp Thunderbird Commercial Kitchen Renovation (SF 2826) (HF 1364) 500,000
Camp Thunderbird Septic to Sewer Conversion (SF 2827) (HF 1365) 250,000
Cape Coral Storm Athletic Complex Redevelopment Project (SF 2006) (HF 1600)925,000"

"Delray Beach Lakeview Park Playground Improvements (SF 1944) (HF 1130)100,000"

"Fort Lauderdale Carter Park Improvements (SF 1554) (HF 1499) 272,500
Golden Beach Youth Recreational Park (SF 2237) (HF 0088) 300,000
Inverness - West Inverness City Trail and Withlacoochee State Trail Connector (SF 2344) (HF 0766) 1,125,000"

"Miami-Dade County - Tropical Park - Equestrian Center and Park General Improvements (SF 1418) (HF 0861)250,000"

"North Palm Beach Lakeside Park Bulkhead Replacement (SF 2332) (HF 1098)500,000"

"Pahokee King Memorial Park Improvements Phase 2 (SF 1892) (HF 1186) 550,000
Palmetto Bay Veterans Park Development - Phase 1 (SF 1331) (HF 0025) 200,000
Plantation - Inclusive Playground (SF 2256) (HF 0384) 450,000"

"Putnam County Francis Park Upgrades (SF 1577) (HF 2240) 785,000
Rosewood Memory Park Program (SF 3192) 120,000
Sarasota Bobby Jones Nature Park, Phase I (SF 2186) (HF 1451) 250,000
Sebastian Inlet North and South Jetty Maintenance and Safety Improvements (SF 1633) (HF 2011)2,000,000
St. Cloud Rummel Road Regional Trail Connection (SF 2845) (HF 1883)500,000"

Specific Appropriation 1811
Page 296

"Plantation - Regional Utilities Operations Center (RUOC) Hardening (SF 2257) (HF 1497) 800,000
VolunteerCleanup.Org Statewide Expansion and Support for Marine Debris Cleanup Groups (SF 2206)115,000"

Specific Appropriation 1823C
Page 298

"1823C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
SARASOTA COUNTY MIDNIGHT PASS REOPENING PROJECT
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1823C are provided for the Sarasota County Midnight Pass Reopening Project (SF 2189) (HF 0519)."

Specific Appropriation 1834A
Page 299

"1834A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1834A are provided for Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (SF 1822) (HF 2015)."

Specific Appropriation 1888A
Page 304

"1888A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PASCO COUNTY ANCLOTE RIVER PARK BOAT RAMPS AND PARKING FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,450,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1888A are provided for the Pasco County- Anclote River Park Boat Ramps and Parking (SF 1697) (HF 2020)."

Specific Appropriation 1889A
Page 304

"1889A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GREEN COVE SPRINGS GOVERNORS CREEK BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1889A are provided for the Green Cove Springs Governors Creek Boat Ramp Improvements - Phase I (SF 2386) (HF 2037)."

Specific Appropriation 1919
Pages 307 and 308

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1919, \$300,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to procure a study with a qualified entity, such as a research center or institute, to review the impacts of spraying chemical herbicides on wildlife habitat in Lake Okeechobee. The study should compare spraying versus mechanical harvesting as to the effectiveness of habitat management and the effects on wildlife, including fish and bird populations.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1919, \$500,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to make direct payments to landowners who have depredation of livestock by threatened or endangered species, including the Florida Panther. A verified livestock loss payment must be at a rate not to exceed the fair market value as set in local auctions."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1919, \$700,000 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Too Far Water and Natural Resource Foundation - Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes Restoration Project (SF 2095) (HF 1290)."

Specific Appropriation 1975
Page 313

"Coastal Conservation Association Hatchery (SF 2360) (HF 0618) 600,000 Florida Aquarium - Reducing Carbon Emissions (SF 2408) (HF 1038) 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 1987A
Page 315

"1987A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY ZOO MIAMI FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 250,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1987A are provided for the zoo Miami - Expansion/Renovation of Animal Hospital (SF 1545) (HF 1190)."

Specific Appropriation 2042A
Pages 320 through 324

"1st Avenue North and 25th Street Pedestrian Safety (HF 0993) (SF 2668) 500,000"

"Biscayne-Everglades Greenway Design & Construction (HF 1530) (SF 2821) 1,500,000"

"Central Palm Beach County Infrastructure Improvements (HF 0219) (SF 2362) 1,000,000"

"Chase Road and Main Street Intersection Improvements - Windermere (HF 2096) (SF 1986) 750,000"

"City of Miami - Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Program Phase 2 (HF 0080) (SF 1052) 1,000,000"

"Coral Gables ADA Transit Stop Improvements (HF 1921) (SF 1134) 500,000"

"Doral Safer Streets Project (HF 0947) (SF 2605) 750,000"

"Fort Florida Road Bridge (HF 0013) (SF 2380) 1,000,000 Fort Florida Road Reconstruction (HF 0014) (SF 2694) 1,500,000"

"Fort Walton Beach Hill Avenue and Anchors Street Complete Street Project Design (HF 0251) (SF 2599) 187,500 Fruitville Road Capacity Improvement Project - Sarasota (HF 0172) (SF 2187) 4,000,000"

"Kathleen Road Widening and Extension (HF 0277) (SF 1255) 5,000,000 Lauderdale Lakes Walkway/Greenway Trail (HF 1566) (SF 2378) 584,925"

"Manatee County Area Transit - Route 99 Operation Enhancements (HF 1557) (SF 1250) 1,100,000"

"Miami - Auburndale Roadway Drainage and Traffic Calming Improvements (HF 0423) (SF 1737) 1,250,000"

"Moffitt Cancer Center Life Sciences Campus Road (HF 1210) (SF 2664) 5,000,000"

"Neighborhoodly Transportation Lifeline (HF 0870) (SF 2493) 500,000"

"Palm Beach County Transportation Disadvantaged Discounted Bus Passes (HF 0218) (SF 1077) 1,000,000 Pensacola Beach Northern Gateway Design (HF 0764) (SF 1398) 200,000"

"South Bay - SW 11th Avenue Improvements (HF 0510) (SF 1010) 250,000"

"Town of Mangonia Park Road Re-Paving (HF 2004) (SF 1413) 750,000"

"Washington County Government Annex Access and Drainage Improvements (HF 0529) (SF 2594) 700,000"

SECTION 6 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Specific Appropriation 2297
Pages 348 and 349

"Florida Goodwill Association (HF 1558) (SF 2593) 1,000,000"

"Leon Works Expo and Junior Apprenticeship Program (HF 0316) (SF 2793) 50,000"

"Museum of Discovery & Science-Eco Resilience Workforce Development (HF 1648) (SF 1079) 300,000"

"Pre-Apprenticeship Training and Hiring (PATH) Pilot Program (HF 1132) (SF 1387) 930,000 Serve & Protect: Embrace a Career in Florida Law Enforcement (HF 2076) (SF 1059) 250,000 Seven on Seventh - Workforce Development Hubs (HF 0692) (SF 1551) 250,000"

"Treasure Coast Food Bank - Career Readiness and Workforce Training Program Expansion (HF 1308) (SF 1279) 795,000"

Specific Appropriation 2304A
Page 351

"Museum of Discovery & Science-Eco Resilience Workforce Development (HF 1648) (SF 1079) 450,000"

Specific Appropriation 2336A
Pages 354 and 355

"Greater Apalachee Ridge Estates Technology & Learning Center Digital Integra Initiative (SF 2987) 351,700
Hillsborough Habitat for Humanity - Resilient Homes for Heroes (HF 0812) (SF 2630) 10,000"

"Malibu Groves Home Repair Program (HF 1563) (SF 3119) 250,000"

"Planting Seeds of Prosperity in West Lakes - Orlando (HF 1385) (SF 2523) 125,000
Purpose Built Florida - Lift Orlando (HF 1103) (SF 2577) . . 1,000,000
Smart North Florida Pilot Program (HF 0143) (SF 1975) 600,000
The Skills Center Collaborative (HF 0140) (SF 1384) 500,000"

"YMCA Volunteer Campus Safety Initiative (HF 1962) (SF 1636) 65,000"

Specific Appropriation 2341A
Pages 355 through 358

"Brevard Zoo Aquarium - Dr. Duane Defreese Coastal Conservation Hub Construction (HF 0747) (SF 2913) 2,000,000"

"City of Sweetwater - Carlow Park Improvements (HF 1477) (SF 2776) 300,000"

"Cocoa Beach Hurricane Hardening of City Hall (SF 1406) 1,500,000"

"Dade City - Athletic Fields Renovation (HF 1218) (SF 1749) 250,000"

"Field for Dreams - West Jupiter Community Group (SF 1542) 80,000"

"Florida Studio Theatre - Workforce Housing (HF 0156) (SF 1663) 1,500,000"

"Hernando County Central Fueling Facility (HF 0800) (SF 2805) 966,593"

"Islamorada Village Council Chambers/Public Works Facility (HF 1505) (SF 2363) 250,000"

"Key Colony Beach City Hall Repair and Hardening (HF 0220) (SF 2933) 1,000,000"

"Lauderdale Lakes Community Center/Hurricane Shelter (HF 1118) (SF 2379) 500,000
Mangonia Park - Addie Greene Park Improvements (HF 1539) (SF 1414) 250,000"

"Medical Examiner Facility and Natural Resources Laboratory (HF 2286) (SF 2754) 1,000,000
Meet Us in the Middle Plaza and 8th Street Docks - City of Clermont (HF 1938) (SF 1705) 1,000,000"

"Mount Dora Community Resource & Recreation Center (HF 1016) (SF 1711) 500,000"

"Orange City Municipal Facility Replacement for Transportation and City Works (HF 0531) (SF 2751) 150,000
Palafox Market Public Restrooms (HF 0748) 103,000"

"Port St. Lucie - Public Works Administrative Complex/Emergency Operations Center (HF 1908) 1,000,000"

"Sankofa Commercial Development (HF 1393) (SF 2856) . . 1,500,000
Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center (HF 0450) (SF 2382) 1,000,000
Shoreline Restoration and Hurricane Resilience for Shell Midden at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey (HF 1438) (SF 2190) 750,000"

"Village of El Portal - Village Hall Addition and Renovations (HF 1321) (SF 2553) 901,940"

Specific Appropriation 2350A
Pages 359 and 360

"Cutler Bay - US 1 Corridor Economic Development Plan (HF 0135) (SF 1330) 100,000"

Expanding E-Commerce Capacity of Small Businesses (HF 1891) (SF 2555) 500,000
Florida Trade Assistance Center Export Database (HF 0848) (SF 1083) 500,000"

"Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce - Business Recruitment and Retention Program (HF 0530) (SF 1210) 375,000
Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida Resource Center (SF 3226) 187,500"

"Small Business Microloan Program (HF 0283) 300,000"

Specific Appropriation 2479A
Pages 373 and 374

"Davie Fire Safety Mobile Classroom Vehicle (SF 2350) (HF 0714) 200,000"

"Lauderhill Bunker Gear Contamination (SF 1987) (HF 1513) 227,142"

"Baker Fire District Water Tanker Request (HF 0737) 410,000"

"Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Mobile Command Post (SF 3058) (HF 1896) 600,000"

"Pasco County Fire Mobile Command Vehicle (HF 0788) 900,000
Ponce Inlet Fire Station Replacement Backup Generator (SF 1965) (HF 1885) 35,000"

"Sanford Fire Department Station 40 Airpack Replacements (SF 1451) (HF 2079) 540,000
Sanford Station 40 New Engine (SF 1450) (HF 2081) 367,500"

Specific Appropriation 2485A
Pages 375 and 376

"Bartow Public Safety Facility (SF 2045) (HF 0962) 500,000"

"Madeira Beach - Public Works and Fire Station Facility (SF 2483) (HF 1643) 500,000
Oakland Park Fire Station #20 (SF 2893) (HF 0922) 250,000
Orange City Multipurpose Rescue Facility (SF 1961) (HF 0583) 500,000
Palm Beach Historic North Fire Station Resilience, Hardening, and Renovation (SF 1246) (HF 0849) 437,500"

"Venice Fire Station #2 Relocation Project (Design) (SF 2580) (HF 0808) 500,000"

"Boynton Beach Fire Rescue Fire Alerting System Upgrades (SF 2034) (HF 1110) 800,000"

"Clermont Hartwood Marsh Fire Station Rebuild (SF 2013) (HF 1948) 500,000"

"Dania Beach Fire Rescue Command Center and Training Facility Phase 1 (SF 2461) (HF 2075) 500,000"

"Miami Fire- Rescue Fire Station 8 Renovation (SF 3190) (HF 0705) 570,161"

"Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District Technical Rescue Training Facility (SF 2203) (HF 0310) 900,000
Palm Coast Fire Station 22 (HF 0952) 5,000,000"

"Pine Lakes Fire Station 15 (SF 1122) (HF 0584) 2,800,000"

"Treasure Island Public Safety Complex (SF 2971) (HF 1635) 1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 2710
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"Chattahoochee Emergency Management Building/City Hall (HF 0543) (SF 2941) 700,000"

City of Bradenton - Public Safety Operations Center (HF 1560) (SF 2387) 1,400,000"

"Clay County Public Safety Warehouse Facility (HF 2040) (SF 1843) 750,000"

"Indian River County Emergency Operations Center Expansion (HF 1311) (SF 2122) 1,300,000"

"Nathan Benderson Park Secondary-Post Storm Shelter and Support Facility (HF 1440) (SF 2617) 4,000,000
Palm Springs EOC/Police Department Expansion and Hardening (HF 0005) (SF 1007) 1,000,000"

"Village of Virginia Gardens - City Hall ADA Upgrades/Public Safety Hardening Project (HF 0227) (SF 1338) 875,000"

Specific Appropriation 2844
Page 411

"2844 FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL NEW
COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION - DMS MGD
FROM ARCHITECTS INCIDENTAL TRUST FUND . . . 6,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2844 are provided to the Department of Management Services for the design and planning for a courthouse in the Sixth District for the Sixth District Court of Appeal."

Specific Appropriation 2970A
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"2970A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 262,250

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2970A, \$262,250 in non-recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to local government information technology infrastructure programs as follows:

Sanford Cybersecurity Zero Trust Program (SF 1448) (HF 2080) 160,000
Town of Jupiter Town Hall Cybersecurity Infrastructure (SF 2349) 102,250"

Specific Appropriation 2987A
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"Okeechobee Emergency SLERS Radio System (HF 2307) . . . 412,503
Palm Bay - Emergency Radio Equipment (SF 1966) (HF 0303) 479,831
Seminole County Sheriff's Office Computer Aided Dispatch System (SF 1307) (HF 0198) 300,000
Wakulla County Emergency Communications System (SF 2305) (HF 1637) 1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 3233
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"The Commodore Trail Heritage Education Program (HF 0689) (SF 2766) 216,000"

Specific Appropriation 3237
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"Broad Street Historic Building Restoration (HF 1492) (SF 1676) 750,000"

"Italian Club of Tampa - Restoration and Code Compliance Initiative (HF 0789) (SF 2518) 1,000,000
Jacksonville Music History Museum - Casket Factory Restoration (HF 0738) (SF 2843) 500,000"

"MartinArts: Arts Center for the Treasure Coast (HF 0062) (SF 1225) 250,000"

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"Black History Month Celebration -1619Fest Orlando/Rebel Run 5K (HF 2326) (SF 3091) 160,000
Florida's Black Music Legacy (SF 3118) 200,000
Harry & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex - Cultural Programs & Animatronic Figures (HF 0559) (SF 2448) 200,000
Historic Homestead Town Hall Museum (HF 1525) (SF 2858) 75,000"

"Penny Lane Beatles Museum Education and Expansion (HF 0306) (SF 1695) 825,000
The Florida Orchestra - Digital Concert Hall (HF 1071) (SF 2855) 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 3270A
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"Bakehouse Art Complex Upgrades (HF 2025) 1,000,000"

"Military History Museum Building Expansion - Osceola (SF 2937) 765,000"

"Polk Museum of Art Expansion Project (HF 1003) (SF 2635) 500,000
Ruth Eckerd Hall Public Safety and Rapid Response Improvements (HF 0995) (SF 2761) 482,000"

"The Center for Arts & Innovation (HF 1285) (SF 2770) 750,000"

SECTION 7 — JUDICIAL BRANCH

Specific Appropriation 3293B
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"Polk County Courthouse Roof Replacement (SF 1259) (HF 0970) 2,000,000"

OTHER SECTIONS

Section 45
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"SECTION 45. The nonrecurring sum of \$35,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund provided to the Department of Education in Specific Appropriation 82 of chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida, for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program shall immediately revert. This section is effective upon becoming law."

Section 79
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"SECTION 79. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for MacTown Life Skills Services - Adult Day Training (SF 2881) in Specific Appropriation 243 of chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated to the agency for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for MacTown Adult Innovation Center (SF 2262) in the Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities - Fixed Capital Outlay category."

The portions of Senate Bill 2500 which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of Senate Bill 2500 are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The following Executive Orders were filed with the Secretary:

SUSPENSION REPORTS

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-160 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV of the Florida Constitution vests the State's supreme executive power in the Governor and requires the Governor to take care that the laws of Florida are faithfully executed. Art. IV, § 1(a), Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Governor's executive responsibility, the Governor may suspend from office any state officer not subject to impeachment for that officer's malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony. Art. IV, § 7(a), Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, state attorneys are state officers constitutionally elected to serve as the prosecuting officers of all trial courts within each judicial circuit. Art. V, § 17, Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, state attorneys are not subject to impeachment, *see* Art. III, § 17, Fla. Const., and thus are eligible for suspension by the Governor and removal by the Senate, *see* Art. IV, § 7(a), (b), Fla. Const.; and

WHEREAS, "neglect of duty" refers to "the neglect or failure on the part of a public officer to do and perform some duty or duties laid on him as such by virtue of his office or which is required of him by law." *Israel v. DeSantis*, 269 So. 3d 491, 496 (Fla. 2019) (quoting *State ex rel. Hardie v. Coleman*, 155 So. 129, 132 (Fla. 1934)). "It is not material whether the neglect be willful, through malice, ignorance, or oversight." *Id.* But "[w]hen such neglect is grave and the frequency of it is such as to endanger or threaten the public welfare it is gross." *Id.*; and

WHEREAS, "incompetence" may arise from "gross ignorance of official duties or gross carelessness in the discharge of them" or from "lack of judgment and discretion." *Id.* (quoting *Hardie*, 155 So. at 133); and

WHEREAS, the power vested in the Governor to suspend an officer under the Constitution is "executive" and "in no sense judicial or quasi judicial"; it "involves judgment and discretion on the part of the Governor." *Hardie*, 155 So. at 133; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted a comprehensive code of criminal offenses and corresponding penalties designed to best promote safety, order, and liberty in our State; and

WHEREAS, Florida law provides that the "provision of criminal penalties and of limitations upon the application of such penalties is a matter of predominantly substantive law and, as such, is a matter properly addressed by the Legislature." § 921.002(1), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, state attorneys have a "duty to prosecute violations of the law," *State ex rel. Hardee v. Allen*, 172 So. 222, 225 (Fla. 1937), and it is neglect of duty "to knowingly permit [criminal conduct] and prefer no charges therefor," *id.* at 224. *See also id.* at 223-24 (concluding that the Governor's suspension of a Tampa prosecutor for "neglect of duty" was sufficiently based on the prosecutor's alleged unwillingness to prosecute gambling offenses); and

WHEREAS, Monique Worrell ("Worrell") is the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida (hereafter, "Ninth Circuit"), which includes Orange and Osceola Counties, and has been in that office since January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, during Worrell's tenure in office, the administration of criminal justice in the Ninth Circuit has been so clearly and fundamentally derelict as to constitute both neglect of duty and incompetence;

WHEREAS, Worrell has authorized or allowed practices or policies that have systematically permitted violent offenders, drug traffickers, serious juvenile offenders, and pedophiles to evade incarceration when otherwise warranted under Florida law. These practices or policies include non-filing or dropping meritorious charges or declining to allege

otherwise provable facts to avoid triggering applicable lengthy sentences, minimum mandatory sentences, or other sentencing enhancements, especially for offenders under the age of 25, except in the most extreme cases. Worrell's practices or policies contravene the policies of the Florida Legislature as expressed in statute and undermine the safety, security, and welfare of the communities that Worrell has been elected to serve; and

WHEREAS, specifically, Worrell has authorized or allowed practices or policies whereby her assistant state attorneys are generally prevented or discouraged from obtaining meritorious minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes; and

WHEREAS, Florida has enacted, for example, section 775.087(2), Florida Statutes, which prescribes the following minimum mandatory sentences for the use of a firearm during a violent felony: 10 years for any person who actually possesses a firearm during the attempt or commission of certain serious felonies; 20 years for any person who discharges a firearm during the attempt or commission of certain serious felonies; and 25 years for any person who discharges a firearm during the attempt or commission of certain serious felonies, and the discharge results in death or great bodily harm. *See also* § 775.087(3), Fla. Stat. (establishing similar minimum mandatory sentences for certain semiautomatic firearms and machine guns); and

WHEREAS, section 775.087(2)(a)1., Florida Statutes, also provides for a three-year minimum mandatory sentence for any person who has actual possession of a firearm and has been convicted of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Florida law states that "[i]t is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who actually possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use firearms or destructive devices be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and the minimum terms of imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed for each qualifying felony count for which the person is convicted." § 775.087(2)(d), Fla. Stat.; *see also* § 775.087(3)(d), Fla. Stat. Also, in cases where a firearm is "used in furtherance of the crime, used in order to commit the crime, or used in preparation to commit the crime," prosecutors lack discretion to deviate from the minimum mandatory sentence, as it is "the intent of the Legislature to establish zero tolerance of criminals who use, threaten to use, or avail themselves of firearms in order to commit crimes and thereby demonstrate their lack of value for human life." § 27.366, Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's policy reflected in sections 775.087(2)(d), (3)(d), and 27.366, Florida Statutes; to subject felons who use a firearm in the commission of a violent felony to minimum mandatory sentences, assistant state attorneys in the Ninth Circuit have been prevented or discouraged from pursuing such minimum mandatory sentences; and

WHEREAS, Worrell's practices or policies of evading minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes are corroborated by her prosecutorial record. For instance, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office reports that it referred 58 non-homicide Robbery with a Firearm cases to the Ninth Circuit in 2021 and 2022. As of May 2023, only one of those cases had resulted in the minimum mandatory sentence of ten years. Similarly, during that same two-year period, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office referred 11 non-homicide Carjacking with a Firearm cases to the Ninth Circuit, but only one had resulted in the minimum mandatory sentence of ten years. The Ninth Circuit also received 14 non-homicide cases involving Home Invasion Robbery with a Firearm from the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, yet not one of those arrests resulted in the minimum mandatory sentence. Finally, of the 130 cases involving Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon referred to the Ninth Circuit in 2021 and 2022 by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, only five had resulted in a minimum mandatory sentence; and

WHEREAS, Worrell's practices or policies of evading minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes are further corroborated by data from the Florida Department of Corrections. With respect to prison admissions from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, the Ninth Circuit, on a per capita basis, had among the lowest prison admission rates relative to the other circuits for the following crimes: robbery with a weapon, armed burglary, and weapons possession. *See* Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Worrell's practices or policies of avoiding minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes not only defies the expressed will of

the Florida Legislature, it also subjects the residents of Orange and Osceola Counties and surrounding areas to increased risk of harm as violent criminals in the community are too often left on the streets or prematurely returned to the streets to cause further violence and mischief; and

WHEREAS, Worrell has similarly authorized or allowed practices or policies whereby her assistant state attorneys are generally prevented or discouraged from obtaining meritorious minimum mandatory sentences for drug trafficking offenses; and

WHEREAS, section 893.135, Florida Statutes, sets forth minimum mandatory sentences for drug crimes. Under Florida law, drug “trafficking” offenses are determined solely by the quantity of drugs at issue—prosecutors need not establish any intent to sell or distribute drugs to secure a conviction for a drug trafficking crime. For each illegal drug, the Florida Legislature has established a threshold quantity that constitutes “trafficking” in that substance as well as a minimum mandatory sentence that must result as a consequence of such trafficking. *See generally* § 893.135, Fla. Stat. For example, anyone knowingly possessing 28 grams or more of cocaine has committed the felony of “trafficking in cocaine” and must serve a mandatory term of imprisonment of at least 3 years. § 893.135(l)(b), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, despite the Legislature’s policy reflected in section 893.135, Florida Statutes, assistant state attorneys in the Ninth Circuit have been prevented or discouraged from pursuing minimum mandatory sentences for drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies of evading minimum mandatory sentences for drug trafficking are corroborated by her prosecutorial record. For instance, the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office reports that it referred 32 drug trafficking cases to Worrell’s office in 2021, but as of March 2023, only three have resulted in a minimum mandatory sentence. Of the 64 drug trafficking cases referred in 2022, none have resulted in a minimum mandatory sentence; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies of evading minimum mandatory sentences for drug trafficking are further corroborated by data from the Florida Department of Corrections. According to data compiled for the period from January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, the Ninth Circuit ranks last among all circuits, on a per capita basis, in the number of people who are incarcerated for drug trafficking offenses. During this period, the Ninth Circuit sent 39 per million residents to prison for the crime of drug trafficking whereas the statewide average was 114.3. *See Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing practices or policies, which avoid minimum mandatory sentences for gun crimes and drug trafficking, constitute “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, Worrell has also been derelict in prosecuting serious crimes committed by juvenile offenders. State attorneys have a responsibility to incarcerate violent criminals, including juveniles, but Worrell has pursued practices or adopted policies whereby assistant state attorneys in her office are generally prevented or discouraged from incarcerating or even charging serious juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, under Worrell’s direction, the Ninth Circuit has used a variety of techniques to allow serious juvenile offenders to evade incarceration where it would otherwise be appropriate. Assistant state attorneys are generally prevented or discouraged from “direct filing” cases (whereby juveniles are charged as adults) and are encouraged to effectively drop charges against juvenile defendants, either by not filing the charges in the first place (“non-files”) or by voluntarily abandoning the charges after they have been filed (“nolle prosequi”); and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies with respect to serious juvenile offenders are corroborated by data compiled by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (“DJJ”). This data establishes that during Worrell’s tenure as the State Attorney, the Ninth Circuit is last of all 20 circuits in Florida in the percentage of juvenile felony cases, including firearm-related felonies and violent felonies, that are direct filed based on the most serious offense disposed. *See Exhibit B*. In addition, the Ninth Circuit has consistently been first among all circuits in the percentage of juvenile felony cases, including firearm-related felonies and violent felonies, dropped as a result of a non-file or a nolle prosequi; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Circuit under Worrell’s leadership has also ranked last—in many cases by a considerable distance—in terms of juvenile case processing times. As DJJ has explained in a recent report on case processing times across the State, *see Exhibit C*: “Long case processing times mean that juveniles are not being held accountable for their actions in a timely manner. Delays in case processing may negatively impact public safety by preventing access to necessary treatments and services to address the juveniles’ behavior.” DJJ has also warned: “Excessive case processing times delay the opportunity for the department to identify and address the youth’s risks and needs through evidence-based treatments and interventions. This delays the opportunity for earlier intervention and leaves the youth’s criminogenic needs unaddressed for an extended period of time. Such delays permit the underlying problems to continue or even to spin out of control, and do not serve the interest of public safety or youth in need of treatment”; and

WHEREAS, according to the recent DJJ report on case processing times, for Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Ninth Circuit had an average case processing time of 212 days in the juvenile justice system. This ranks the Ninth Circuit last among Florida’s 20 judicial circuits. The average case processing time in the juvenile justice system was 106 days—exactly half of the Ninth Circuit’s output—and the next worst circuit (the Seventeenth) had an average case processing time of 188 days; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Ninth Circuit had an average case processing time of 225 days for first-time offenders in the juvenile justice system. Once again, this ranks the Ninth Circuit last among Florida’s 20 judicial circuits. The average case processing time for first time offenders in the juvenile justice system was 78 days—about one third of the Ninth Circuit and the next worst circuit (this time the Eleventh) had an average case processing time of 140 days. As DJJ has explained, “[f]irst-time offenders are a critical population to reach early on to prevent their further involvement with the juvenile justice system”; and

WHEREAS, this inexcusable delay in processing juvenile offenses cannot reasonably be attributed to any inherent structural issues with the Ninth Circuit. For Fiscal Year 2019-20—the last full reporting period before Worrell assumed office—the Ninth Circuit had an average juvenile case processing time of 116 days. For the most recent reporting period of Fiscal Year 2021-22, that number went up to 212 days, an increase of 96 days. This is the largest increase for any circuit in the State during the same period. The statewide average increase was 18 days, with only the Seventeenth Circuit seeing a comparable increase in case processing times (90 days); and

WHEREAS, the DJJ data demonstrates that, since taking office, Worrell has kept serious juvenile offenders on the streets and out of incarceration. The Ninth Circuit is an outlier and uniformly ranks last (or first in terms of poor performance) on each key metric related to juvenile justice accountability, consistently below (or above in terms of poor performance) the statewide average. No other circuit in the State has a similarly dismal record on juvenile justice over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing practices or policies, which have the effect of avoiding incarceration or accountability for serious juvenile offenders, constitute “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, Worrell has authorized or allowed practices or policies whereby her assistant state attorneys are generally prevented or discouraged from seeking certain sentencing enhancements, such as for prison release reoffenders (PRRs) and habitual violent felony offenders (HVFOs). These enhancements were enacted by the Florida Legislature to ensure that repeat violent offenders are subject to sufficiently stringent minimum mandatory sentences; and

WHEREAS, under Florida law, a PRR is a defendant who: (1) attempts or commits an enumerated felony; (2) within 3 years of release from federal or state prison or while serving a prison sentence or on escape status; (3) for a crime punishable by at least 1 year in prison in the State of Florida. § 775.082(9)(a)1., (9)(a)2., Fla. Stat. PRRs are taken out of the sentencing guidelines and are subject to more stringent minimum mandatory sentences. For instance, a PRR who is convicted of a third-degree felony will be sentenced to a minimum of five years in prison, *see* § 775.082(9)(a)3.d., Fla. Stat., whereas without the PRR designation, a five-year sentence would ordinarily be the maximum possible sentence for a felon in the third degree, *see* § 775.082(3)(e), Fla.

Stat. While state attorneys have discretion whether to seek a PRR designation, the Legislature has clearly stated its intent that eligible PRRs are “punished to the fullest extent of the law and as provided in this subsection, unless the state attorney determines that extenuating circumstances exist which preclude the just prosecution of the offender, including whether the victim recommends that the offender not be sentenced as provided in this subsection,” § 775.082(9)(d), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, under Florida law, an HVFO is a defendant who meets two conditions: (1) has previously been convicted of attempting or committing an enumerated felony (including, but not limited to, sexual battery, robbery, or manslaughter), and (2) has been convicted of a subsequent felony that occurred either when the defendant was in prison for the previous enumerated felony, within five years of the conviction date of the previous enumerated felony, or within five years of release from a prison sentence for the previous enumerated felony. § 775.084(1)(b), Fla. Stat. As with PRRs, HVFOs are taken out of the sentencing guidelines and are subject to more stringent minimum mandatory sentences. *See* § 775.084(4)(b), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature enacted sentencing enhancements, such as the PRR and HVFO enhancements, to provide uniformity of sentencing across the State as well as to ensure that repeat, violent offenders are subjected to sufficiently lengthy prison terms; and

WHEREAS, since taking office, Worrell has thwarted the will of the Legislature by preventing or discouraging assistant state attorneys in her office from seeking sentencing enhancements for otherwise eligible defendants; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing practices or policies, which evade minimum mandatory sentencing enhancements for eligible defendants, constitute “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, section 827.071(5)(a), Florida Statutes, makes it unlawful “for any person to knowingly possess, control, or intentionally view a photograph, motion picture, exhibition, show, representation image, data, computer depiction, or other presentation which, in whole or in part, he or she knows to include child pornography” and specifies that the possession, control, or intentional viewing of each image is a separate offense; and

WHEREAS, Worrell has authorized or allowed practices or policies that limit the number of charges for Possession of Child Pornography on which the assistant state attorneys in her office may obtain a conviction, even when additional counts could be charged and proven at trial; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practice or policy of arbitrarily limiting the number of counts for Possession of Child Pornography that may be prosecuted against a defendant is corroborated by data from the Florida Department of Corrections. With respect to prison admissions from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, the Ninth Circuit, on a per capita basis, had among the lowest prison admission rates relative to the other circuits for crimes involving lewd and lascivious behavior, which includes Possession of Child Pornography and other sex crimes against children. *See* Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practice or policy of arbitrarily limiting the number of counts for Possession of Child Pornography that may be prosecuted against a defendant endangers vulnerable children in the Ninth Circuit and across the State and constitutes both “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, under Worrell’s supervision, her subordinates have authorized or required assistant state attorneys in the Ninth Circuit to seek the withholding of adjudication in cases where such disposition is not permitted by Florida law; and

WHEREAS, under Florida law, prosecutors may not seek or obtain the withholding of adjudication in certain circumstances. Specifically, Florida law prohibits the withholding of adjudication for a third-degree felony if the defendant has two or more prior withholdings of adjudication for a felony, § 775.08435(1)(d), Fla. Stat., and for a second-degree felony if the defendant has a single prior withholding of adjudication for a felony, § 775.08435(1)(b), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s subordinates have permitted or required assistant state attorneys in the Ninth Circuit to disregard the foregoing statutory limitations on withholding adjudication and to seek additional withholdings, even when in violation of Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing practice or policy of permitting or requiring withholdings of adjudication in contravention of Florida law constitutes “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, it is the job of the Legislature to establish criminal penalties and the job of the state attorneys to ensure that those penalties are faithfully enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has made clear that the “primary purpose of sentencing is to punish the offender” and that “[r]ehabilitation is a desired goal of the criminal justice system but is subordinate to the goal of punishment,” § 921.002(1)(b), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has further directed that the “[u]se of incarcerative sanctions is prioritized toward offenders convicted of serious offenses and certain offenders who have long prior records,” § 921.002(1)(i), Fla. Stat.; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies generally prevent or discourage the use of incarcerative sanctions when otherwise appropriate for violent offenders, drug traffickers, serious juvenile offenders, and pedophiles and have resulted in the systemic poor performance of the Ninth Circuit reflected in the various metrics described above; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies are an abuse of prosecutorial discretion and reflect a systemic failure to enforce incarcerative penalties called for by Florida law. Prison admission data provided by the Florida Department of Corrections from January 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, for example, show that prison admission rates for the Ninth Circuit are below—often far below—the statewide average across all 54 categories of criminal offenses, except three. The Ninth Circuit’s total prison admission rate is the lowest by far in the State and is less than half of the statewide average. *See* Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s practices or policies of avoiding incarceration of serious offenders when otherwise warranted under Florida law constitute “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s actions have resulted in a critical loss of experienced prosecutors, and her inability to maintain such personnel further constitutes “neglect of duty” and “incompetence”; and

WHEREAS, Worrell’s neglect of duty and incompetence endanger the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Ninth Circuit that they immediately have a new state attorney who will faithfully execute Florida’s criminal laws and will respect and faithfully carry out the criminal penalties set forth by our Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, and for the purposes of Article IV, section 7 of the Florida Constitution, determine as follows:

- A. Monique Worrell is, and at all material times was, the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida.
- B. The Office of State Attorney is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7 of the Florida Constitution.
- C. The actions and omissions of Monique Worrell as referenced above constitute “neglect of duty” and “incompetence” for the purposes of Article IV, section 7 of the Florida Constitution.
- D. If, after execution of this suspension, additional facts are discovered that illustrate further neglect of duty, incompetence, or other constitutional grounds for suspension of Monique Worrell, this Executive Order may be amended to allege those additional facts.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Monique Worrell is hereby suspended from the public office that she now holds, to wit: State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Section 2. Monique Worrell is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further executive order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 3. As of the signing of this Executive Order, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, assisted by the Orange County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies as necessary, is requested to: (i) assist in the immediate transition of Monique Worrell from the Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida; (ii) if requested by the newly appointed State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, ensure that no files, papers, documents, notes, records, computers, or removable storage media are removed from the Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida by Monique Worrell or any of her staff; and (iii) coordinate with the newly appointed State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit for Monique Worrell to retrieve her personal belongings.

Section 4. Andrew A. Bain is hereby appointed forthwith, effective August 9, 2023, to fill the position of State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida in accordance with Article IV, section 7, subsection (a) of the Florida Constitution for the duration of the suspension.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 9th day of August 2023.

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Cord Byrd
SECRETARY OF STATE

Ms. Monique Worrell

August 11, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Exec. Order No. 23-160

Dear Ms. Worrell:

The Florida Senate has received Executive Order 23-160 in which the Governor has suspended you from office as State Attorney of the 9th Judicial Circuit. Pursuant to Article IV, s. 7(b) of the Florida Constitution, the Florida Senate may either remove you from office or reinstate you to office.

You have a right to a hearing conducted in accordance with Part V, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and Senate Rule 12. If you wish to have a hearing, please request the hearing in writing. In order for the Senate to comply with the timeline contemplated in Senate Rule 12, please submit your request for a hearing within 15 days of receipt of this letter.

If you request a hearing, you will receive a Notice of Hearing before a Special Master or committee containing the date, time, and location of the hearing. If you do not wish to have a hearing, you may submit your written resignation to the Governor's Office. If you tender your resignation, please provide a copy of your resignation to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Alternatively, should you elect to initiate a court challenge, please notify the Office of the Senate Secretary. Senate Rule 12.9 states, in relevant part, that the Senate process shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate until final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies. As such, upon the initiation of a court challenge, the matter of your reinstatement or removal from office by the Florida Senate will be held in abeyance by President Passidomo until a final determination in the litigation has been rendered.

To learn more about the Senate process, or to access applicable statutes and rules, please visit <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/ExecutiveSuspensions>.

To ensure timely correspondence, until you receive a notice of final action on this matter, it is your responsibility to make sure that the Senate has your correct contact information.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Tracy C. Cantella
Secretary

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Tracy C. Cantella, Secretary
The Florida Senate
Suite 405 Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

August 18, 2023

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Executive Order No. 23-160

Dear Secretary Cantella:

State Attorney Worrell is in receipt of your August 11, 2023, certified letter correspondence, enclosed, notifying her of Executive Order No. 23-160, and informing her of her right to a hearing in the Florida Senate ("Notice Letter"). Zuckerman Spaeder intends to represent Ms. Worrell in response to that Executive Order and responds to the Notice Letter, as follows.

State Attorney Worrell intends to initiate a court proceeding in due course, which she understands will result in the Senate holding her hearing in abeyance until the exhaustion of her appellate remedies pursuant to Senate Rule 12.9. Ms. Worrell does not intend to waive or forego any rights she has under law. When the Senate's abeyance is lifted, assuming it remains appropriate, Ms. Worrell requests a hearing before the Florida Senate.

Although State Attorney Worrell will continue to provide the Senate with updated contact information, I respectfully request that all future correspondence be addressed to Jack Fernandez, Jr., 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1200, Tampa, FL 33602, email jfernandez@zuckerman.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Jack E. Fernandez, Jr.

Mr. Jack Fernandez, Jr.
Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP
101 E. Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 1200
Tampa, FL 33602

August 25, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Exec. Order No. 23-160

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 18, 2023, in which you conveyed the intention of your client, Ms. Worrell, to initiate a court proceeding regarding Executive Order No. 23-160.

As your letter notes, Senate Rules require the process to be held in abeyance until the conclusion of all litigation, including the exhaustion

of all appellate remedies. As such, should Ms. Worrell initiate a court proceeding, it is President Passidomo's intention to hold the Senate process in abeyance until the conclusion of the litigation, or until (pursuant to Senate Rules 12.9) the Senate receives written consent from both Ms. Worrell and counsel for the Governor stating that you wish to proceed.

The Senate respectfully requests that you keep Mr. Rey apprised as to any developments with regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

Tracy C. Cantella
Secretary

Mr. Jack Fernandez, Jr.
Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP
101 E. Kennedy Boulevard
Suite 1200
Tampa, FL 33602

September 7, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Executive Order of Suspension, Exec. Order No. 23-160

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

As noted in our prior correspondence, the Senate's process for acting on the matter of reinstatement to or removal from office is governed by Part V, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and Senate Rule 12. Senate Rule 12.9 states, in relevant part, the Senate process shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate until final determination of a court challenge and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies.

Given the challenge initiated with the Florida Supreme Court, President Passidomo has directed me to inform you the matter of the reinstatement or removal of your client, Ms. Worrell, from office by the Florida Senate is now held in abeyance.

The Senate respectfully requests you keep Mr. Rey apprised as to the progress of the aforementioned litigation. Senate Rules provide the President discretion to proceed if she determines due process requires the Senate to move forward.

Respectfully,

Tracy C. Cantella
Secretary

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-185
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Kirk B. Reams is presently serving as Clerk of the Courts for Jefferson County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2023, Kirk B. Reams was charged by Information with Grand Theft, in violation of section 812.014(2)(a)1, Florida Statutes, and Organized Scheme to Defraud, in violation of section 812.034(4)(a)1, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the above violations constitute felonies in the first and third degree, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution specifies that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Jefferson County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Kirk B. Reams be

immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution, find as follows:

- A. Kirk B. Reams is, and at all times material was, Clerk of the Courts for Jefferson County, Florida.
- B. The office of Clerk of the Courts for Jefferson County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution.
- C. The attached Information, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, alleges that Kirk B. Reams committed felonies under the Laws of the State of Florida.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective today:

Section 1. Kirk B. Reams is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: Clerk of the Courts for Jefferson County, Florida.

Section 2. Kirk B. Reams is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today until a further Executive Order is issued or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 20th day of September, 2023.

Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Cord Byrd
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mr. Kirk B. Reams
c/o Mr. David Collins, Esquire
Collins Law Firm
310 N. Jefferson St.
Monticello, FL 32345

September 22, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: Executive Order of Suspension, Executive Order No. 23-185

Dear Mr. Reams:

The Florida Senate has received Executive Order 23-185 in which the Governor has suspended you from office as Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Jefferson County. Pursuant to Article IV, s. 7(b) of the Florida Constitution, the Florida Senate may either remove you from office or reinstate you to office.

You have a right to a hearing conducted in accordance in Part V, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and Senate Rule 12. However, Senate Rule 12.9(2) requires all inquiry, investigation, or hearings to be held in abeyance and not considered by the Senate until the pending charges are dismissed or until final determination of the criminal charges is rendered, including the exhaustion of all appellate remedies. Given the pending criminal charges against you, the Senate's consideration of your suspension is held in abeyance pursuant to Senate Rule 12.9(2).

At the conclusion of the pending criminal matter, should you wish to have a hearing, it is your responsibility to submit your written request to the Office of the Senate Secretary. Until the criminal matter is resolved, please direct any questions to the Secretary of the Senate at the

contact information below. It is your responsibility to make sure the Senate has your correct contact information.

If you choose to submit your written resignation to the Governor's Office, please provide a copy of the resignation to the Office of the Senate Secretary. The Secretary will record your decision to resign in the official records of the Senate and this matter will be closed.

To learn more about the Senate's process, or to access applicable statutes and rules, please visit the Senate website, www.flsenate.gov, and navigate to the Executive Suspensions webpage, <http://www.flsenate.gov/Sessions/ExecutiveSuspensions>.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Tracy C. Cantella
Secretary

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On motion by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourned at 10:18 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 8 or upon call of the President.