

THE FLORIDA SENATE

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF
SCOTT ISRAEL

Executive Order No. 19-14

JOINT STIPULATIONS

COMES NOW the Parties, Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis (“EOG”), and Scott Israel, Suspended Sheriff of Broward County, Florida, and file these Joint Stipulated Facts as follows:

STIPULATIONS

1. Scott Israel was elected Sheriff of Broward County in 2012, and subsequently re-elected in 2016 for a second four-year term.
2. Scott Israel was suspended on January 11, 2019, when Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-14 suspending Scott Israel for alleged neglect of duty and incompetence.
3. Sheriff is a “County Officer” as defined in Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution.
4. “Neglect of Duty” and “Incompetence” are grounds specifically enumerated in Article IV, section 7(a) of the Florida Constitution.
5. Broward County Sheriff’s Office has 5,600 budgeted positions, including 1,500 law enforcement personnel, 1,300 detention deputies, 700

firefighters, 450 regional communications staff, and 150 child protection investigators, among other employees

6. At all times during Sheriff Israel’s tenure as Broward Sheriff, the Broward Sheriff’s Office was accredited as a law enforcement agency in accordance with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (“CFA”) and received certification by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (“CALEA”).

7. On January 6, 2017, a shooting occurred at the Fort Lauderdale Airport, resulting in the deaths of five individuals.

8. On February 14, 2018, a shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School resulting in the deaths of seventeen individuals.

9. The Broward Sheriff’s Office policy 4.37, in effect on February 14, 2018, regarding active shooters stated: “If real time intelligence exists the sole deputy or a team of deputies may enter the area and/or structure to preserve life.”

Respectfully Submitted

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