

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-197

(Investigation into the Attempted Assassination of Former President Donald Trump)

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2024, President Donald Trump, the forty-fifth President of the United States of America and the Republican nominee in 2024, was golfing at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach when United States Secret Service Agents saw a firearm protruding from an area hidden by trees and bushes, apparently located no more than 300-500 yards from the President; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Secret Service Agents reported that they shot in the direction of the firearm, which prompted the individual hidden with the firearm—now identified as Ryan Wesley Routh—to flee the area in a stolen vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, a witness observed the make and model of the stolen vehicle which allowed the Martin County Sheriff's Office and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to quickly locate and apprehend Ryan Wesley Routh in Martin County, miles away, and thus Ryan Wesley Routh is believed to have committed illegal acts in at least two separate circuits of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the second assassination attempt on President Trump's life within two months; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has the most straight forward jurisdiction to prosecute the most straight forward, serious offense of attempted murder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is responsible for prevention and investigation of crimes, and the Florida Highway Patrol are law enforcement officers similarly tasked with the prevention and investigation of violations of state laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement have already deployed resources to assist federal agencies and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to ensure that the investigation is handled with integrity and transparency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Direct the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Highway Patrol to work with all state, regional, local governmental agencies, and federal agencies to conduct a robust and thorough investigation into the attempted assassination of former President Trump; and

Section 2. Assign the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution to work with all law enforcement agencies to ensure that charges are brought for all violations of state law and to ensure public transparency in the investigatory process.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 17th day of September, 2024.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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