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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Designating State's Prosecutor

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and, in particular, C.R.S. § 24-31-101(1)(b), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order designating Philip J. Weiser, Attorney General for the State of Colorado, as the State's prosecutor in the Twelfth Judicial District due to District Attorney Alonzo Payne's resignation.

I. Background and Purpose

In early 2022, a petition to recall District Attorney Payne was circulated for signature gathering in the Twelfth Judicial District. On June 23, 2022, the Secretary of State found the petition for recall was sufficient by statute. District Attorney Payne tendered his resignation effective July 13, 2022 at 11:59 P.M. The Twelfth Judicial District is currently suffering staffing shortages and a backlog of cases, to the peril of the community and the justice system. It is imperative to ensure the Office of the District Attorney in the Twelfth Judicial District is properly managed and all criminal actions are prosecuted appropriately.

I find that this is a matter of statewide importance and it is necessary for the Attorney General to act as the Twelfth Judicial District's prosecutor to investigate and prosecute criminal activity.

II. Directive:

- A. I designate Philip J. Weiser, Attorney General for the State of Colorado, or his duly authorized successor, to be the State's Prosecutor in the Twelfth Judicial District and to appear for the State and prosecute all criminal actions and proceedings in which the state is a party in the Twelfth Judicial District. Attorney General Weiser may appoint special assistant attorneys general, and utilize other resources to assist in the fulfillment of this Executive Order. This designation shall be effective on July 14, 2022.
- B. I rescind Executive Order A 2022 172.

III. Duration

This designation and this Executive Order shall expire upon the appointment of a new District Attorney in the Twelfth Judicial District, unless modified or terminated by further Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this
thirteenth day of July 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor