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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 Twenty-Second Judicial District due to the appointment of District Attorney Matthew G. Margeson to the Dolores County Court.

I. Background and Purpose

On February 8, 2023, the Governor appointed Matthew G. Margeson to the Dolores County Court. Mr. Margeson is currently the elected District Attorney in the Twenty-Second Judicial District. His appointment to the Dolores County Court creates a vacancy in the Office of the District Attorney in the Twenty-Second Judicial District. Mr. Margeson will be sworn in to the Dolores County Court on February 27, 2023.

It is imperative to ensure the Office of the District Attorney in the Twenty-Second Judicial District has support to continue managing and prosecuting criminal actions. I find that this is a matter of statewide importance and it is necessary for the Attorney General to act as the Twenty-Second Judicial District's prosecutor to investigate and prosecute criminal activity.

II. <u>Directive</u>

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 Twenty-Second Judicial District and to appear for the State and prosecute all criminal actions and proceedings in which the state is a party in the Twenty-Second 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 at 12:01 A.M. on February 27, 2023.

III. <u>Duration</u>

This designation and this Executive Order shall expire upon the appointment of a new District Attorney in the Twenty-Second 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 twenty-fourth day of February, 2023.

Jared Polis Governor