THE FLORIDA SENATE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE:

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2019, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 19-14 suspending Mr. Scott Israel from the Office of Sheriff of Broward County, and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2019, the Senate informed Mr. Scott Israel of his right to a hearing conducted in accordance with Part V, Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes and Senate Rule 12, and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, pursuant to the Senate Rules, the matter was referred to a Special Master, and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2019, Mr. Scott Israel requested a hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Special Master engaged in public pre-hearing proceedings until litigation between the Governor and Mr. Scott Israel was initiated on March 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, pursuant to Senate Rules and on the recommendation of the Special Master, the matter was held in abeyance until the rendering of a final determination in the litigation and exhaustion of all appellate remedies, and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2019, the Special Master proceedings resumed after a final determination in the litigation was rendered and appellate remedies were exhausted, and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2019, the Special Master conducted a public case management conference during which counsel for the Governor and Mr. Scott Israel offered, and the Special Master selected, dates for a public evidentiary hearing, and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2019, and June 19, 2019, the Special Master held a public evidentiary hearing, and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2019, counsel for the Governor submitted proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Special Master, and on August 20, 2019, counsel for Mr. Scott Israel submitted proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Special Master, and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2019, the Special Master delivered his advisory Report and Recommendation pursuant to Senate Rules for consideration by the Senate, and

WHEREAS, under Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Florida Constitution the Senate may remove from office or reinstate the suspended official and the President of the Senate may unilaterally convene the Senate in special session, NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Bill Galvano, as President of the Florida Senate, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 7(b) of the Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim the Florida Senate be convened in special session at the Capitol, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019, for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering the reinstatement or removal of Mr. Scott Israel as Sheriff of Broward County.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Senate of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 25th day of September, A.D., 2019.

Bill Galvano President, The Florida Senate

ATTEST:

Debbie Brown Secretary of the Florida Senate