

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-055 PA/PI-CIR

**RE: INTERIM PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The Public Defender of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Bob Dillinger, has announced his retirement effective at 5:00 P.M. on December 31, 2020. Sara Beth Mollo has been duly elected to that office for a term commencing on January 5, 2021. Thus, a temporary vacancy will exist for the period between the existing official's retirement and his successor taking the office. Section 43.26, Florida Statutes, gives the chief judge of each judicial circuit the power to require attendance of the public defender and do everything necessary to promote prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts.

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

Sara Beth Mollo is appointed as the acting Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

This appointment shall be effective at 5:01 P.M., December 31, 2020, and shall continue until 11:59 P.M., January 4, 2021, or until and unless the Governor of the State of Florida may appoint an acting Public Defender in and for the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of December 2020.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON DECEMBER 8, 2020  
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges  
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney  
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender  
The Honorable Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Clerk & Comptroller, Pasco County  
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County  
The Honorable Chris Nocco, Pasco County Sheriff  
The Honorable Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff  
Gay Inskeep, Trial Courts Administrator  
Ita M. Neymotin, Regional Counsel, Second District  
Ngozi Acholonu, Assistant Regional Counsel, Second District  
Lillian Simon, Director Administrative Services, Pasco County  
Kimberly Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, Pasco County Clerk's Office  
Julie Marcus, Pinellas Supervisor of Elections  
Law Libraries, Pinellas and Pasco County  
Bar Associations, Pinellas and Pasco County