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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol

Re: Extension of Special Counsel Agreement

Dear Victoria:

On March 2, 2020, the Executive Council authorized appointment of Michael Marquess as Special Counsel under Iowa Code section 13.7 to represent the State of Iowa in criminal cases when the offenses are committed by non-natives against non-natives or without a victim on the Sac and Fox Indian Settlement in Tama County. The initial appointment was reviewed at the end of fiscal year 2020 and extended.

Mr. Marquess continues to do an excellent job and the compensation is both fair and reasonable. He makes regular reports to this office regarding his caseload and those reports support the continuing need for his services. This office therefore recommends and requests extension of the appointment through the end of FY2023.

Accordingly, our office recommends the extension of Mr. Marquess' appointment as Special Counsel through June 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY S. THOMPSON
Solicitor General