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February 5, 2024

Mr. Leif Olson Chief Deputy Attorney General Attorney General's Office Hoover Bldg. LOCAL

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of special counsel to represent Seventh District Court Judge Marlita Greve in matter McKenrick v. State of Iowa (07821 LACE134719) of Scott County, Iowa.

Firm:Betty Neuman McMahon PLCAttorney:Martha Shaff1900 East 54th StreetDavenport, IA 52807Rate:\$350.00 per hour

Sincerely,

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January 29, 2024

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## Re: Request for Special Counsel – McKenrick v. State of Iowa

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests authorization pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to retain separate special counsel to represent Seventh District Court Judge Marlita Greve in matter *McKenrick v. State of Iowa* (07821 LACE134719) of Scott County, Iowa.

We will continue to represent the State and make decisions regarding overall litigation strategy as provided in Chapter 669. The certification of Judge Greve's employment under Iowa Code § 669.5(1)(a) will remain. Judge Greve is not a named party and is not personally liable in this action. *See* Iowa Code §§ 669.21(2)(b).

At this juncture, it has become apparent that Judge Greve has interests and concerns that are beyond the AG's scope of representation in this matter. Upon approval by the Executive Council, separate counsel will appear in this action and our office will withdraw its representation of Judge Greve.

Betty Neuman McMahon PLC, 1900 East 54th Street, Davenport, IA 52807, has been contacted and has agreed to serve as special counsel in this matter. Ms. Martha Shaff has agreed to handle the matter at the rate of \$350.00 per hour.

Accordingly, our office recommends that Betty Neuman McMahon PLC be retained to represent Judge Greve in this matter. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from General Fund.

Sincerely, Leif Olson Chief Deputy Attorney General 10