

DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2019

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MANUEL ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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**Capital Case**

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Counsel for Petitioner, **Manuel Antonio Rodriguez**, asks leave of this Court to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this proceeding. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged this conviction and sentence and has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida; the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests permission to proceed in this action *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully Submitted:

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