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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICHAEL A. TANZI,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Respondent.

MOTION TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

CAPITAL CASE

**DEATH WARRANT SIGNED
EXECUTION SET APRIL 8, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

Petitioner, Michael A. Tanzi, requests leave to file the attached Petition for Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner has been found indigent by each state and federal court in which he has challenged his conviction and sentence, and he has been permitted to proceed *in forma pauperis* before each of those courts, including: the Florida Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Monroe County, Florida; the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (by operation of 11th Circuit Rule 24-1).

Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is not attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and the appointment was made under the following provision of law: Chapter 27, Florida Statutes and order of the Florida Supreme Court. Additionally, Petitioner was appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. §3006 A and 21 U.S.C § 848(q) in the Federal District. Mr. Tanzi was previously granted *in forma pauperis* status in the state and federal courts.

WHEREFORE, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, Mr. Tanzi respectfully requests that he be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the aforementioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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