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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CURTIS W. BEASLEY, Applicant

v.

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the
Supreme Court of Florida

EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR A STAY OF EXECUTION

Petitioner Curtis W. Beasley, through undersigned counsel, requests that this Court grant a stay of execution in his case, which is currently set for September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. This stay application is made in connection with his petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

This Court grants a stay pending certiorari when there is “reasonable probability that four members of the Court would consider the underlying issue sufficiently meritorious for the grant of certiorari,” a “significant possibility of reversal of the lower court’s decision,” and a “likelihood that irreparable harm will result” absent a stay. *Barefoot v. Estelle*, 463 U.S. 880, 895 (1983).

Under the *Barefoot* standard, a stay of execution is appropriate in Petitioner's case. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Petition, the questions presented are debatable and worthy of certiorari review. There is no procedural or jurisdictional obstacle to this Court's review. At the very least, the questions Petitioner raises are sufficiently weighty to justify a stay that will allow this Court's orderly and careful review of Petitioner's and the State's submissions.

A stay is particularly appropriate given the 35 day truncated litigation schedule that Florida imposed when it signed the underlying death warrant on August 26, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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