

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-184 (Executive Order of Removal)

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida charged Scott Maddox, City Commissioner for the City of Tallahassee, Florida, by Grand Jury Indictment with Racketeering Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C § 1962; two counts of Bank Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1334; multiple counts of False Statements to a Financial Institution in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1014; multiple counts of Extortion Using Fear of Economic Harm and Under of Color of Right in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1951 and 2; two counts of Honest Services Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C §§ 1343, 1346, and 2; one count of Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1952(a)(3) and 2; two counts of False Statements in violation 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2); one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C § 371; and multiple counts of Making False Statements on a Tax Return in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1); and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2018, by Executive Order 18-365, Scott Maddox was suspended from his position as City Commissioner for the City of Tallahassee, Florida, pursuant to the Governor's suspension powers under Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2019, Scott Maddox pled guilty, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, to honest services wire fraud, honest services mail fraud, and conspiracy to defraud the United States, and the Court accepted the plea (a copy of the Plea Agreement is attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(5), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor shall remove a municipal official who is convicted of any charge contained in an indictment or information by reason of which the official was suspended under the provisions of section 112.51; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(5), Florida Statutes, provides that “any person who pleads guilty . . . shall be deemed to have been convicted.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 112.51, Florida Statutes, issue the following executive order, effective immediately:

Scott Maddox is hereby removed from public office as City Commissioner for the City of Tallahassee, Florida.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 9th day of August, 2019



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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