

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-05 (Executive Order of Removal)

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2010, a probable cause affidavit was issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, charging Malvin Chris Wright, Jr., Mayor for the City of Grand Ridge, Florida, with grand theft of a motor vehicle, a violation of section 812.014, Florida Statutes, a felony in the third degree, which resulted in a warrant being issued for his arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2010, after surrendering to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Malvin Chris Wright, Jr. was arrested for the offense of grand theft of a motor vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2010, by Executive Order 10-85, amended by Executive Order 10-86, Governor Crist suspended Mr. Wright from his position as Mayor for the City of Grand Ridge, pursuant to the Governor's suspension powers under section 112.51, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2010, the State of Florida filed an information charging Mr. Wright with grand theft, a felony in the third degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wright pled nolo contendere to grand theft, and on October 4, 2010, an Order of Probation, nunc pro tunc to September 21, 2010, was entered in the First Judicial Circuit Court, in and for Jackson County, withholding adjudication and ordering that Mr. Wright be placed on probation for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, section 112.51(5), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Governor to 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, a plea of nolo

contendere being deemed a conviction pursuant to section 112.51(5), notwithstanding a withholding of adjudication.

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

Section 1. Malvin Chris Wright, Jr. is hereby removed from public office, to wit: Mayor for the City of Grand Ridge, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.



GOVERNOR



ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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