

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-142

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics of the State of Florida has been created to represent the people in assuring that public officers do not abuse trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Brown was at all times material hereto a member of the Manatee Board of County Commissioners and as such is subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics concluded that Ms. Brown violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using County employees, copy machines, computers, email, and/or couriers to assist with her outside employment, campaign, and/or tenant evictions; and

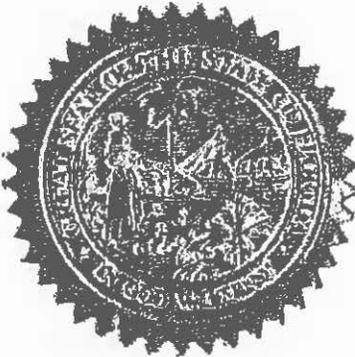
WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report rendered February 9, 2011, and the incorporated Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Final Order and Public Report by the Commission on Ethics dated December 27, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the

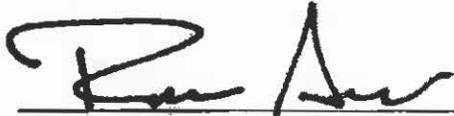
Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order effective immediately finding that:

1. Gwendolyn Brown violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using County employees, copy machines, computers, email, and/or couriers to assist with her outside employment, campaign, and/or tenant evictions.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00 is hereby imposed against Ms. Brown, which penalty shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement made under oath by Ms. Brown that the penalty was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 24th day of June, 2011.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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