

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-238

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, Benjamin H. Pingree, is at all times material hereto Wakulla County Administrator, Wakulla County, Florida, 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 Mr. Pingree violated Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, by failing to report a parcel of property on CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the years 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report rendered on October 26, 2011, and the incorporated Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Final Order and Public Report by the Commission on Ethics dated August 25, 2011;

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

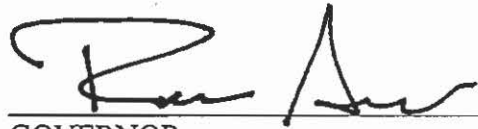
Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order effective immediately finding that:

1. Benjamin H. Pingree violated 112.3145, Florida Statutes, by failing to report a parcel of property on CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the years 2007 and 2008.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$400.00 is hereby imposed against Mr. Pingree, 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 Mr. Pingree 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 28th day of November, 2011.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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