

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-11

(Executive Order of Removal)

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2011, the State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit filed an information in the County Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida, charging Sylvia Poitier, commissioner on the Deerfield Beach City Commission, with four counts of falsifying or avoiding a record in violation of section 839.13, Florida Statutes, and one count of falsifying proceedings in violation of section 839.13, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2011, by Executive Order 11-78, Governor Rick Scott suspended Ms. Poitier from her position as commissioner for the City of Deerfield Beach City Commission, pursuant to the Governor's suspension powers under section 112.51, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2011, a jury found Sylvia Poitier guilty as charged of the four counts of falsifying or avoiding a record; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2012, the Court withheld adjudication and ordered that Sylvia Poitier be placed on probation for one year, perform 200 hours community service and pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine; 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, a finding of guilty 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. Sylvia Poitier is hereby removed from public office, to wit: Commissioner for the City of Deerfield Beach, 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 17th day of January, 2012.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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