

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-134 (Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Mercedes Martinez is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Office of the Governor received a complaint against Mercedes Martinez for notary misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the complaint alleges that Mercedes Martinez notarized a signature without the presence of the signator in violation of section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes, and that Mercedes Martinez notarized a signature without personally knowing or obtaining the satisfactory evidence that the person whose signature was to be notarized was in fact that person in violation of section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, correspondence was sent to Mercedes Martinez on March 16, 2012, April 12, 2012, and May 22, 2012 requesting that she respond to the allegations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mercedes Martinez's failure to respond to these allegations is a violation of section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the residents of the State of Florida, that Mercedes Martinez be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT**, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes, issue the following executive order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

Mercedes Martinez is suspended from the public office of Notary Public.

Section 2.

Mercedes Martinez is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further executive order, or as otherwise provided by law.



ATTEST:

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 May, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Rick Scott in black ink.

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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Ken Retzner in black ink.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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