

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-214

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Carlos Faris, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Carlos Faris for notary misconduct;

and

WHEREAS, the complainant states that Carlos Faris notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization and did not indicate the specific form of identification relied upon in identifying the document signer within the notarial certificate, in violation of Sections 117.107(9) and 117.05(4)(a) and (f), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2013, March 5, 2013, and April 3, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Carlos Faris requiring that he furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

WHEREAS, this Office has not received the required sworn written response; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2013, this Office required Carlos Faris' immediate resignation from the office of notary public, pursuant to Section 117.01(5)(b), and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation from Carlos Faris;

and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Carlos Faris be immediately suspended from the public office, which he now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Carlos Faris is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Carlos Faris' current commission runs from March 30, 2010, through March 29, 2014.
- C. Carlos Faris has refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, as required by Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

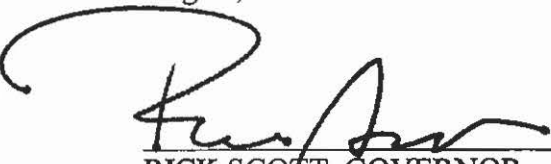
BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued

Section 1. Carlos Faris is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Carlos Faris is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of this public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of this public office during the period of suspension, which shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



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 2nd day of August, 2013.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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