

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-274
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Heather Brown, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Heather Brown for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the complainant states Heather Brown notarized an incomplete or blank document, and failed to include a proper notarial certificate on the notarized document, in violation of Sections 117.107(10), and 117.05(4)(f) and (i), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013, and July 31, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Heather Brown requiring that she provide a sworn written response as part of the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, to date, Heather Brown has not cooperated with, or responded to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2013, this Office required Heather Brown's 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 of Heather Brown; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Heather Brown, 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 Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution and Section 117.01(4), Florida Statutes, find and state as follows:

- A. Heather Brown is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Heather Brown is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 29, 2012 through March 28, 2016.
- C. Heather Brown refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, 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. Heather Brown is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Heather Brown 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 19th day of September, 2013.

Handwritten signature of Rick Scott in black ink.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Ken Retzner in black ink.
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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