

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-364
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Joseph Allan Moreno, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in January 2012, Joseph Allan Moreno submitted a sworn application for appointment as a Florida notary public, but did not disclose prior felony convictions in 1984, 1995, 1996, and 2011, as required; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 2, 1984, Joseph Allan Moreno was adjudicated guilty of Grand Theft (more than \$20,000) in Case Number 1984CF000633 in the circuit court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, a felony offense in violation of Section 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 8, 1995, Joseph Allan Moreno was adjudicated guilty of Aggravated Assault and Criminal Mischief (more than \$1,000) in Case Number 1994CF006655 in the circuit court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, which are felony offenses in violation of Section 784.021, Florida Statutes, and Section 806.13(1)(b)3., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 24, 1996, Joseph Allan Moreno was adjudicated guilty of two counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in Case Number 1996CF002395 in the circuit court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, a felony offense in violation of Section 790.23(1)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2011, Joseph Allan Moreno was adjudicated guilty of Petit Theft in Case Number 2011CF006251 in the circuit court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, a felony offense in violation of Section 812.014(3)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2011, Joseph Allan Moreno was adjudicated guilty of Grand Theft (more than \$300) in Case Number 2011CF006548 in the circuit court of the 4th Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, a felony offense in violation of Section 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, by refusing to disclose his prior criminal history, as required, Joseph Allan Moreno made a material false statement on the sworn notary public application, which warrants the suspension of his notary commission pursuant to Section 117.01(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, by providing false information on the sworn notary public application, Joseph Allan Moreno appears to be in violation of Sections 92.525(2) and (3), Florida Statutes, which pertain to perjury by false written declaration; and

WHEREAS, upon discovering the undisclosed criminal history of Joseph Allan Moreno, this Office notified him by mail on November 20, 2013, and required that he submit a sworn written response explaining his omission of the required information on his application for appointment as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required sworn response from Joseph Allan Moreno; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Joseph Allan Moreno 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. Joseph Allan Moreno is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Joseph Allan Moreno is commissioned as a Florida notary public from January 18, 2012, through January 17, 2016.

- C. Joseph Allan Moreno made a material false statement on his sworn notary public application submitted in January 2012.
- D. Joseph Allan Moreno 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. Joseph Allan Moreno is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Joseph Allan Moreno 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 period 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 December, 2013.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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