

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-293

(Executive Order of Suspension)

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

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint reporting Jose Poventud for notary misconduct, and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the statutes governing Florida notaries public contained in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2013, and August 28, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Jose Poventud requiring that he provide a sworn written response as part of the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, Jose Poventud has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct, which constitutes grounds supporting the suspension of Jose Poventud's notary commission under Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2013, this Office required Jose Poventud'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 Jose Poventud; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Jose Poventud, 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. Jose Poventud is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Jose Poventud is commissioned as a Florida notary public from December 19, 2012, through December 18, 2016.
- C. Jose Poventud 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. Jose Poventud is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Jose Poventud 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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