

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-294**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, William Gladden, Jr., is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint reporting William Gladden, Jr., 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**, following the investigation of reported notary misconduct, this Office found William Gladden, Jr., notarized the signature of a party who was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, and failed to include the required information in a jurat or notarial certificate, in violation of Sections 117.107(9), and 117.05(4), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that William Gladden, Jr., 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:

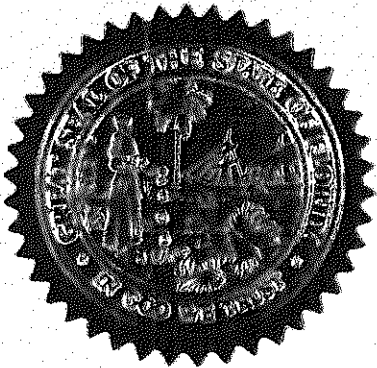
- A. William Gladden, Jr., is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. William Gladden, Jr., is commissioned as a Florida notary public from April 30, 2011, through April 29, 2015.

- C. William Gladden, Jr., notarized a document when the signer was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes.
- D. William Gladden, Jr., did not complete a notarial certificate stating the venue of the notarization, the type of notarial act performed, and the specific form of identification relied upon in identifying the document signers, in violation of Section 117.05(4), 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. William Gladden, Jr., is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. William Gladden, Jr., 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Retzner", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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