

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-107**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Cherie Shannon Smith is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about February 12, 2009, Cherie Shannon Smith was convicted in the circuit court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in and for Volusia County, in case number 2008CF033805, of Uttering a Forgery, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 831.02, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherie Shannon Smith failed to disclose her prior felony conviction, as required, on her sworn application for appointment as a Florida notary public, dated May 14, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, by refusing to disclose her prior felony conviction, as required, Cherie Shannon Smith made a material false statement on the sworn application for appointment as a Florida notary public, for which the Governor may suspend her commission under Section 117.01(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, by making a material false statement on the sworn notary application, Cherie Shannon Smith appears to be in violation of Sections 92.525(2) and (3), Florida Statutes, which pertain to perjury by false written declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2014, January 29, 2014, and February 6, 2014, this Office notified Cherie Shannon Smith by certified mail, and required that she respond to the

investigation by this Office of the felony conviction that she failed to disclose on her sworn notary application; and

**WHEREAS**, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Cherie Shannon Smith had moved from the address under which she is commissioned and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Cherie Shannon Smith 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. Cherie Shannon Smith is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Cherie Shannon Smith is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 18, 2012, through May 17, 2016.
- C. Cherie Shannon Smith made a material false statement on the sworn notary public application submitted on May 14, 2012.
- D. Cherie Shannon Smith failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), 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. Cherie Shannon Smith is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Cherie Shannon Smith 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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