

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-108
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Rebecca Joyce Nixon is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2013, Rebecca Joyce Nixon was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns County, in case number 2013CF000656, one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Valid Prescription, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and of one count of Possession of Paraphernalia, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.147(1), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2013, Rebecca Joyce Nixon was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for St. Johns County, in case number 2013CF000898, one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes, and one count of Possession of Paraphernalia, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.147(1), Florida Statutes, and one count of Possession of Cannabis (less than 20 grams), a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.13(6)(b), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Joyce Nixon failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Rebecca Joyce Nixon by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office regarding her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Rebecca Joyce Nixon had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of her change of address within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Rebecca Joyce Nixon; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution to suspend from office by executive order an appointed public official for the commission of a felony; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Rebecca Joyce Nixon 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. Rebecca Joyce Nixon is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Rebecca Joyce Nixon is commissioned as a Florida notary public from October 18, 2011, through October 17, 2015.
- C. Rebecca Joyce Nixon was convicted of felonies in St. Johns County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.

- D. Rebecca Joyce Nixon failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in St. Johns County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Rebecca Joyce Nixon failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- F. Rebecca Joyce Nixon refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation of notary misconduct 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. Rebecca Joyce Nixon is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Rebecca Joyce Nixon 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 25th day of March, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Rick Scott in black ink.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Ken Detzner in black ink.

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