

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-113
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Erin M. Horton is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2012, Erin M. Horton was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2012CF002477, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000), a second-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Erin M. Horton failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to her criminal history record during her commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, and January 16, 2014, this Office notified Erin M. Horton by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of the felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, in a written response dated February 10, 2014, Erin M. Horton confirmed the above-referenced felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Erin M. Horton had moved from the address under which she was 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, 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 Erin M. Horton 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. Erin M. Horton is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Erin M. Horton is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 16, 2012, through March 15, 2016.
- C. Erin M. Horton was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Erin M. Horton failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Orange County in 2012, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Erin M. Horton 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. Erin M. Horton is suspended from the public office which she now holds:

Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Erin M. Horton 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.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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