

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-12**  
(Superseding Executive Order 13-349)

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

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint reporting Tawnia Adams for notary misconduct, and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the investigation conducted by this Office, Tawnia Adams submitted a sworn written statement confirming that she notarized the signature of her mother, in violation of Section 117.107(11), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Tawnia Adams 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. Tawnia Adams is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Tawnia Adams is commissioned as a Florida notary public from September 15, 2010, through September 14, 2014.
- C. Tawnia Adams notarized a document for her mother, in violation of Section 117.107(11), 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. Tawnia Adams is suspended from the public office which she now holds:  
Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Tawnia Adams 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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