

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-121**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Caroline J. Bonds is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 17, 2013, Caroline J. Bonds was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Polk County, in case number 2012CF010788, of one count of Grand Theft (value more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000), a second-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, and three counts of Money Laundering (value more than \$300, less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 896.101(5)(a), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2014, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Caroline J. Bonds by certified mail, and required that she respond to the investigation by this Office of her felony convictions while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

**WHEREAS**, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Caroline J. Bonds had moved from the address under which she was commissioned 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 Caroline J. Bonds; 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 Caroline J. Bonds 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. Caroline J. Bonds is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Caroline J. Bonds is commissioned as a Florida notary public from February 7, 2011, through February 6, 2015,
- C. Caroline J. Bonds was convicted of four felonies in Polk County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Polk County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Caroline J. Bonds failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

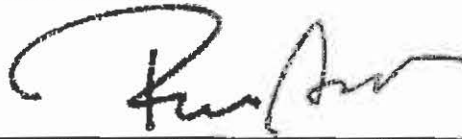
F. Caroline J. Bonds refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, as required by Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

**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. Caroline J. Bonds is suspended from the public office which she now holds:  
Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Caroline J. Bonds 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



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