

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-154**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

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

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint reporting Jacqueline Johnson 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**, the complainant, Detective Nephtali Sepulveda, Jr., of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, reported he was investigating the execution of two quit claim deeds containing forged signatures of the property owners that were notarized by Jacqueline Johnson on May 16, 2013, and which resulted in the theft of the property owners' home by sale without their knowledge or consent; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacqueline Johnson submitted a sworn written response to this Office on February 12, 2014, admitting that she notarized the challenged documents without the purported signing parties in her presence, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and,

**WHEREAS**, by notarizing the signatures of parties not in her presence, Jacqueline Johnson took a false or fraudulent acknowledgment of the challenged instruments as a notary public, in violation of Section 117.105, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Jacqueline Johnson had moved from the address on file 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 Jacqueline Johnson, 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. Jacqueline Johnson is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Jacqueline Johnson commissioned as a Florida notary public from September 14, 2012, through September 13, 2016.
- C. Jacqueline Johnson notarized the challenged documents without the signing parties in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section, 117.107(9), Florida Statutes.
- D. Jacqueline Johnson took a false or fraudulent acknowledgment of the challenged documents as a notary public, in violation of Section, 117.105, Florida Statutes.
- E. Jacqueline Johnson 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. Jacqueline Johnson is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Jacqueline Johnson 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2014.

  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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