

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-28

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Roy Freeman, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint of notary misconduct filed against Roy Freeman and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated November 6, 2013, and December 3, 2013, this Office notified Roy Freeman of the investigation of notary misconduct and required that he submit a sworn written response to each violation, which included notarizing a signature on a document when the signing party was not in his presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and, notarizing a signature without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of Section 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and, falsely or fraudulently taking an acknowledgment or making a certificate as a notary public by notarizing a forged signature, in violation of Section 117.105, Florida Statutes; and, making a material false statement or misrepresentation on his sworn notary application by failing to disclose prior felony convictions, in violation of Section 117.01(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and, using a notary seal assigned to a non-current commission, in violation of Section 117.05(3)(e), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, to date, Roy Freeman has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct, which constitutes a neglect of duty warranting the suspension of his commission, pursuant to Section 117.01(4)(c), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Roy Freeman, be immediately suspended from the public office, which he 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. Roy Freeman is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Roy Freeman is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 23, 2010, through November 22, 2014.
- C. Roy Freeman 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.

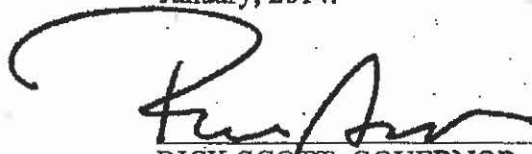
BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

Section 1. Roy Freeman is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Roy Freeman 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 24th day of January, 2014.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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