

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-29 (Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Marquito F. Lewis, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida;

and

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint of notary misconduct filed against Marquito F. Lewis and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public contained in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, by letters dated September 27, 2013, October 18, 2013, November 21, 2013, and December 16, 2013, this Office notified Marquito F. Lewis of the investigation of notary misconduct and required that she submit a sworn written response to each violation, which included notarizing a signature on a document when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), 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

**WHEREAS**, to date, Marquito F. Lewis 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 her 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 Marquito F. Lewis, 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. Marquito F. Lewis is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

B. Marquito F. Lewis is commissioned as a Florida notary public from September 9, 2010, through September 8, 2014.

C. Marquito F. Lewis 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.

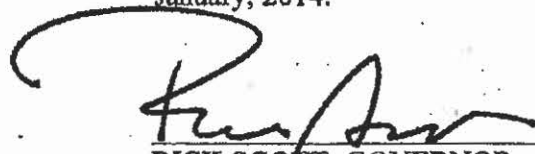
**BEING FULLY ADVISED** in the premise, and in accordance with the Florida Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued:

Section 1. Marquito F. Lewis is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Marquito F. Lewis 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 24<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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