

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-53

(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Ricky L. Collins, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 29, 2013, Ricky L. Collins was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2012CF004745, of one count of Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 810.02(4)(a), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Ricky L. Collins failed to notify the Department of State of the above-stated change to his criminal history record during his commission as a Florida notary public, as required by Section 117.01(2); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2014, this Office notified Ricky L. Collins by certified mail, and required that he respond to the investigation by this Office of the felony conviction that occurred while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Ricky L. Collins; 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 Ricky L. Collins 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. Ricky L. Collins is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

- B. Ricky L. Collins is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 23, 2011, through March 22, 2015.
- C. Ricky L. Collins was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Ricky L. Collins failed to notify the Department of State of the change to his criminal history record following the felony conviction in Orange County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Ricky L. Collins 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. Ricky L. Collins is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Ricky L. Collins 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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 RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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 SECRETARY OF STATE

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