

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-57 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Wendy L. Jopko, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 19, 2013, Wendy L. Jopko was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, in case number 2012CF039576, of one count of Grand Theft from Person 65 Years of Age or Older, a first-degree felony in violation of Section 812.0145(2)(a), Florida Statutes; and

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

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2014, this Office notified Wendy L. Jopko by certified mail, and required that she 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 Wendy L. Jopko; 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 Wendy L. Jopko 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. Wendy L. Jopko is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Wendy L. Jopko is commissioned as a Florida notary public from September 28, 2010, through September 27, 2014.
- C. Wendy L. Jopko was convicted of a felony in Brevard County in 2013, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Wendy L. Jopko failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Brevard County in 2013, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Wendy L. Jopko 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. Wendy L. Jopko is suspended from the public office which she now holds:
Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Wendy L. Jopko 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 12th day of February, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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