

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-72

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Kesia Velez, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida;
and

WHEREAS, on or about January 7, 2011, Kesia Velez was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, in case number 2009CF018540, of one count of Grand Theft (more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000), a second-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(b)2., Florida Statutes, and one count of Obtaining Property by Fraud (more than \$20,000, less than \$50,000), a second-degree felony in violation of Section 817.034(4)(a)2., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 23, 2012, Kesia Velez was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County, of Grand Theft (more than \$300, less than \$5,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014(2)(c)1., Florida Statutes;
and

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

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2014, this Office notified Kesia Velez by certified mail of the investigation by this Office of the above-stated matters, and required that she provide a written response explaining her failure to notify the Department of State of the changes in her criminal history while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Kesia Velez; 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 Kesia Velez 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. Kesia Velez is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Kesia Velez is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 3, 2013, through March 2, 2017.
- C. Kesia Velez was convicted of two felonies in Orange County in 2011, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Kesia Velez was convicted of a felony in Orange County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- E. Kesia Velez failed to notify the Department of State of the changes to her criminal history record following her felony convictions in Orange County in 2011 and 2012, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Kesia Velez 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. Kesia Velez is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Kesia Velez 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.



ATTEST:

Ken Retzner
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 25th day of February, 2014.

Rick Scott
RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA