

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-75
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Leora M. Usina, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 27, 2012, Leora M. Usina was convicted in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, in case number 2011CF035108, of one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud (less than \$20,000), a third-degree felony in violation of Section 817.034(4)(a)3., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Leora M. Usina 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, and January 22, 2014, this Office notified Leora M. Usina by certified mail of the investigation by this Office of the above-stated matter, and required that she provide a written response regarding her failure to notify the Department of State of the change in her criminal history while commissioned as a Florida notary public; and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required response from Leora M. Usina; and

WHEREAS, during the investigation by this Office, it was discovered that Leora M. Usina had moved from the address on file and had failed to notify the Department of State of the change in her address within 60 days, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; 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 Leora M. Usina 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. Leora M. Usina is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Leora M. Usina is commissioned as a Florida notary public from November 10 2010, through November 9, 2014.
- C. Leora M. Usina was convicted of a felony in Volusia County in 2012, while commissioned as a Florida notary public.
- D. Leora M. Usina failed to notify the Department of State of the change to her criminal history record following her felony conviction in Volusia County in 2012, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.
- E. Leora M. Usina failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Leora M. Usina 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. Leora M. Usina is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Leora M. Usina 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 25th day of February, 2014.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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