

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 14-92 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Lori J. Gulden, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Lori J. Gulden for notary misconduct from the State of Florida Commission on Ethics, and thereafter initiated an investigation of the reported violations of the laws governing Florida notaries public defined within Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in response to the investigation conducted by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics, Lori J. Gulden admitted that she notarized the signature of an individual without the signatory in her presence, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above-stated violation of the presence requirement, Lori J. Gulden made a false or fraudulent acknowledgment by stating the absent party appeared before her at the time of the notarization of the document, in violation of Section 117.105, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, this Office notified Lori J. Gulden by certified mail of the investigation of notary misconduct, and required that she provide a sworn written response to the above-stated reported violations; and

WHEREAS, to date, Lori J. Gulden has not cooperated with, or responded to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Lori J. Gulden 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. Lori J. Gulden is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.

- B. Lori J. Gulden is commissioned as a Florida notary public from March 4, 2013, through March 3, 2017.
- C. Lori J. Gulden notarized a document when the signer was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes.
- D. Lori J. Gulden made a false or fraudulent acknowledgment of the instrument being notarized, in violation of Section 117.105, Florida Statutes.
- E. Lori J. Gulden refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation 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. Lori J. Gulden is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Lori J. Gulden 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 period 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 18th day of March, 2014.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR



ATTEST:



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