

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-194

WHEREAS, Richard Lee Suverison was elected without opposition to the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District on November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3, of the Florida Constitution, and section 114.01(1)(f), Florida Statutes, provide that a vacancy in office shall occur upon the officer's unexplained absence for sixty consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, section 114.01(1)(i), Florida Statutes, provides that a vacancy in office shall occur upon the officer's refusal to accept the office; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lee Suverison has failed to attend any meetings of the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District, including an initial unexplained absence from the Governing Board of Supervisors meeting on January 27, 2015 followed by unexplained absences on March 24, April 28, May 26, June 22, and August 25; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lee Suverison has failed to respond to repeated attempts to contact him from the District staff and Governing Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty consecutive days has passed since the date of Richard Lee Suverison's first unexplained absence from a Board of Supervisors meeting; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to his unexplained absences, despite repeated attempts to contact him, Richard Lee Suverison has made no contact with the District staff or Board of Governing Supervisors or given any indication of his intent to accept the duties of his office; and

WHEREAS, section 114.01(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor shall file an Executive Order with the Secretary of State setting forth the facts that give rise to a vacancy in office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, declare that due to Richard Lee Suverison's sixty days of unexplained consecutive absence and refusal to accept office as a Supervisor of the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District, a vacancy exists on the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District, Seat 3.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 29th day of September, 2015.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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