

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-169

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, James L. Manfre is at all times material hereto the Sheriff of Flagler County, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 16-042 rendered on April 20, 2016, the Commission on Ethics found that James L. Manfre violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using an agency credit card for personal use and violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report a gift, valued in excess of \$100; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 16-042.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. James L. Manfre violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, using an agency credit card for personal use.

2. James L. Manfre violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report a gift valued in excess of \$100.

3. A civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and \$1,200 for the violation of section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, for a total of \$6,200 is hereby imposed against Manfre, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Manfre that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

4. James L. Manfre is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

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 25th day of July, 2016.





RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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