

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-268

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, George Neugent was at all times material hereto a member of the Monroe County Commission, 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. 16-124 rendered on October 26, 2016, the Commission on Ethics found that George Neugent violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report an honorary golf club membership valued over \$100 as a gift, violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose an asset on his 2012 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose an asset or liability on his 2013 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 16-124.

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:

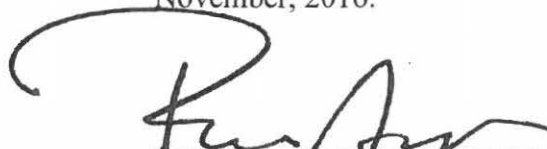
1. George Neugent violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report an honorary golf club membership valued over \$100 as a gift, violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose an asset on his 2012 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose an asset or liability on his 2013 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 for the violations of Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and sections 112.3148(8) and 112.3144, Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed against Neugent, 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 Neugent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. George Neugent 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 22nd day of November, 2016.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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