

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2021E-14

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, Dana Cannon (f/k/a Dana Johnson) is at all times material hereto was the Clerk of Courts and Comptroller of Dixie 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 jurisdictions of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 20-018 rendered on June 10, 2020, the Commission on Ethics found that Dana Johnson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using Dixie County equipment and materials to reproduce church bulletins and by fabricating, altering, or falsifying records of the Dixie County Clerk's or Comptroller's Office concerning monies paid or owed either by her to either Office, and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by fabricating, altering, or falsifying records of the Dixie County Clerk's or Comptroller's Offices concerning monies paid or owned by her to either Office.; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 20-018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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. Dana Cannon (f/k/a Dana Johnson) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using Dixie County equipment and materials to reproduce church bulletins and by fabricating, altering, or falsifying records of the Dixie County Clerk's or Comptroller's Office concerning monies paid or owed either by her to either Office, and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by fabricating, altering, or falsifying records of the Dixie County Clerk's or Comptroller's Offices concerning monies paid or owned by her to either Office; and
2. Dana Cannon's June 5, 2020 letter of resignation as the Clerk of Courts and Comptroller of Dixie County is accepted.
3. Dana Cannon is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: January 28, 2021

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On behalf of and by the authority of
Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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