

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-213**  
(Executive Order of Suspension)

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Watson, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, this Office received a complaint reporting Darlene Watson for notary misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the complainant states that Darlene Watson notarized a signature on a document when the signer was not present for the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Watson failed to report a change in address to the Department of State, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2013, March 25, 2013, and April 16, 2013, this Office mailed letters to Darlene Watson requiring that she furnish a sworn written response to the complaint; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, this Office has not received the required sworn written response; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2013, this Office required Darlene Watson's immediate resignation from the office of notary public, pursuant to Section 117.01(5)(b), Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation of Darlene Watson; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Darlene Watson 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. Darlene Watson is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Darlene Watson's current commission runs from April 22, 2010, through April 21, 2014.

C. Darlene Watson has refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Governor's Office, 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. Darlene Watson is suspended from the public office which she now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Darlene Watson 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 shall begin today until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



ATTEST:

*Ken Retzner*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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 2nd day of August, 2013.

*Rick Scott*  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

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