

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-255
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, James P. Romand, Jr., is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting James P. Romand, Jr., for notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2013, and July 10, 2013, this Office mailed letters to James P. Romand, Jr., requiring that he provide further information in a sworn written response as part of the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, to date, James P. Romand, Jr., has not cooperated with, or responded to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2013, this Office required the immediate resignation of James P. Romand, Jr., 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 James P. Romand, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that James P. Romand, Jr., be immediately suspended from the public office, which he 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. James P. Romand, Jr., is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. The commission of James P. Romand, Jr., is from February 6, 2013, through February 5, 2017.
- C. James P. Romand Jr., refused to cooperate or respond to an investigation by the Executive Office of the Governor, 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. James P. Romand, Jr. is suspended from the public office which he now holds: Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. James P. Romand, Jr. 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.



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 9th day of September, 2013.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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