

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-295
(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Maria E. Pabon, is presently serving as a Notary Public of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this Office received a complaint reporting Maria E. Pabon for notary misconduct and thereafter initiated an investigation of alleged violations of the notarial statutes contained in Chapter 117, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, based upon the information supplied in the complaint, it appears that Maria E. Pabon notarized a signature on a document when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate specifying the form of identification relied upon, and notarized a signature without satisfactory evidence of the signatory's identity, in violation of Sections 117.107(9), 117.05(4)(f), and 117.05(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2013, this Office mailed a letter to Maria E. Pabon that was returned as undeliverable due to her failure to notify and update the Department of State within 60 days of a change in address, as required by Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2013, and July 31, 2013, using a forwarding address provided by the United States Postal Service, this Office mailed letters to Maria E. Pabon requiring that she provide a sworn written response as part of the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, to date, Maria E. Pabon has refused to cooperate with, or respond to, the investigation by this Office regarding the complaint of notary misconduct; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2013, this Office required Maria E. Pabon's immediate resignation from the office of notary public, pursuant to Section 117.01(5)(b); and

WHEREAS, to date, this Office has not received the required resignation of Maria E. Pabon; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida that Maria E. Pabon, 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. Maria E. Pabon is a duly appointed Notary Public of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 117.01, Florida Statutes.
- B. Maria E. Pabon is commissioned as a Florida notary public from May 16, 2012, through May 15 2016.
- C. Maria E. Pabon notarized a signature on a document when the signing party was not in her presence at the time of the notarization, in violation of Section 117.107(9), Florida Statutes
- D. Maria E. Pabon failed to include a complete jurat or notarial certificate specifying the form of identification used to identify the signatory, in violation of 117.05(4)(f), Florida Statutes.
- E. Maria E. Pabon failed to notify the Department of State within 60 days of her change of address, in violation of Section 117.01(2), Florida Statutes.

F. Maria E. Pabon 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. Maria E. Pabon is suspended from the public office which she now holds:

Notary Public of the State of Florida.

Section 2. Maria E. Pabon 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 14th day of October, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Retzner", written over a horizontal line.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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