STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 15-144

WHEREAS, the Honorable R.B. "Chips" Shore, Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court, passed away on July 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3, of the Florida Constitution, and section 114.01(1)(b), Florida Statutes, provide that a vacancy in office shall occur upon the death of an incumbent officer;

WHEREAS, section 114.01(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor shall file an Executive Order with the Secretary of State setting forth the facts that give rise to a vacancy in office;

WHEREAS, section 28.09, Florida Statutes, provides that in the case of a vacancy in the office of a clerk of the circuit court due to death, the chief judge of that circuit shall appoint a clerk ad interim to serve until such time as a regular appointment by the Governor to fill the vacancy under section 114.04, Florida Statutes, occurs; and

WHEREAS, an ad interim appointment has been made by the Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, declare that

due to the death of R.B. "Chips" Shore, a vacancy occurred on July 29, 2015, in the office of the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court, which I shall fill in compliance with the law.

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 30th day of July, 2015.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF TATE