

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-76

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, Phillip J. Brutus, was at all times material hereto a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, 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 jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 16-001 rendered on January 27, 2016, the Commission on Ethics found that Phillip J. Brutus violated Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose his net worth, liabilities, and two real properties on his 2013 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests;" and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 16-001.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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. Phillip J. Brutus violated Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to properly disclose his net worth, liabilities, and two real properties on his 2013 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 is hereby imposed against Brutus, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Brutus that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Phillip J. Brutus is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



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 14th day of March, 2016.

  
RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA