

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-156 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Reginald Brown is presently serving as a member of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2018, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida charged Reginald Brown by indictment with Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, multiple counts of Aiding and Abetting Mail Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1342, multiple counts of Aiding and Abetting Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1342, and multiple counts of Illegal Monetary Transactions in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1957, 1952; and

WHEREAS, violations of the statutory sections enumerated above constitute felonies under the laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2018, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida charged Reginald Brown by indictment with the additional charge of Failure to File Form 1040 Return in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7203, which constitutes a misdemeanor under the laws of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is indicted for a crime; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any elected municipal officer who is indicted for the commission of a federal felony or misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Jacksonville, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Reginald Brown 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 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

A. Reginald Brown is, and at all times material was, a member of City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida.

B. The office of City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and section 112.51, Florida Statutes.

C. The attached indictment, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order, alleges that Reginald Brown committed felonies under the laws of the United States.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective today:

Section 1. Reginald Brown is suspended from the public office, which he now holds, to wit: member of the City Commission of the City of Jacksonville.

Section 2. Reginald Brown is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by 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 1st day of June, 2018.

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 Ritzman", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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