

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-264

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**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2018, Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order 18-19 suspending Joy Cooper from the Office of Mayor for the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida following her indictment on various corruption charges; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2019, a jury acquitted Joy Cooper of all charges against her as evidenced by the attached Verdict Form and Felony Order of Acquittal filed in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida, which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, section 7, Florida Constitution and section 112.51(6), Florida Statutes, provides that a suspended officer shall be reinstated by the Governor upon acquittal;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, pursuant to section Article IV, Section 7(a), Florida Constitution and section 112.51(6), Florida Statutes, issue this Executive Order:

Section 1. Effective December 12, 2019, Joy Cooper is reinstated to the public office that she held at the time of the above-mentioned suspension, to-wit Mayor for the City of Hallandale Beach, Florida.

Section 2. Effective December 12, 2019, Executive Order 18-19 is revoked, and the suspension of Joy Cooper is terminated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee this 12th day of December, 2019.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND  
FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: #18-1021CF10A

JUDGE: MARTIN S. FEIN

STATE OF FLORIDA, :  
Plaintiff, :  
vs. :  
JOY COOPER, :  
Defendant :  
\_\_\_\_\_ :

VERDICT

Filed In Open Court,  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
ON NOV 28 2019  
BY [Signature]

COUNT ONE

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. The Defendant is guilty of official misconduct as  
charged in the Information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. The Defendant is guilty of falsifying records, a lesser  
included offense.
- X C. The Defendant is not guilty.

SO SAY WE ALL, this 26 day of November, 2019 at Fort Lauderdale,  
Broward County, Florida.

[Signature]  
FOREPERSON

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VERDICT

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ON NOV 26 2019  
BY [Signature]

COUNT TWO

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- \_\_\_\_ A. The Defendant is guilty of official misconduct as  
charged in the Information.
- \_\_\_\_ B. The Defendant is guilty of falsifying records, a lesser  
included offense.
- X C. The Defendant is not guilty.

SO SAY WE ALL, this 26 day of November, 2019 at Fort Lauderdale,  
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COUNT THREE

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. The Defendant is guilty of official misconduct as  
charged in the Information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. The Defendant is guilty of falsifying records, a lesser  
included offense.
- X C. The Defendant is not guilty.

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COUNT FOUR

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- A. The Defendant is guilty of violation of campaign  
contribution limits as charged in the Information.
- X   B. The Defendant is not guilty.

SO SAY WE ALL, this 26 day of November, 2019 at Fort Lauderdale,  
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COUNT FIVE

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. The Defendant is guilty of conspiracy to commit  
violation of campaign contribution limits as charged in  
the Information.
- X B. The Defendant is not guilty.

SO SAY WE ALL, this 26 day of November, 2019 at Fort Lauderdale,  
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COUNT SIX

WE, THE JURY, find as follows as to the Defendant in this case  
(CHECK ONLY ONE):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. The Defendant is guilty of soliciting campaign  
contribution in a government building as charged in the  
Information.
- X B. The Defendant is not guilty.

SO SAY WE ALL, this 26 day of November, 2019 at Fort Lauderdale,  
Broward County, Florida.

[Signature]  
FOREPERSON

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CLOCK IN                          |
| DIVISION:<br><del>Criminal</del><br><i>RJ</i>                                                                                                                                                                                | FELONY ORDER<br>OF ACQUITTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| THE STATE OF FLORIDA VS.<br><i>Joy Cooper</i> DEFENDANT                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CASE NUMBER<br><i>18-1021CFOA</i> |
| SHERIFF'S NO: <i>MTJ8000143</i>                                                                                                                                                                                              | STATE ATTORNEY: <i>Catherine Maus</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| DEFENSE ATTY: <i>LARRY DAVIS</i>                                                                                                                                                                                             | COURT REPORTER: <i>Chanelle Steacruz</i>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |
| CHARGE(S)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>1-3 Official misconduct</i><br><i>5- conspiracy to comm. &amp; violation of campaign contribution limit</i><br><i>4- violation of campaign contribution limit</i><br><i>6- soliciting campaign contribution in Govt Building</i> |                                   |
| THE DEFENDANT HAVING THIS DATE <i>NOV 26 2019</i> , BEEN ACQUITTED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JURY <input type="checkbox"/> COURT, THE DEFENDANT IS THEREFORE ADJUDGED TO BE NOT GUILTY BY THE COURT, AND IT IS, |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
| ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT THE DEFENDANT BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AS TO THIS CAUSE AND THE APPEARANCE BOND HERETOFORE POSTED, IF ANY, IS HEREBY DISCHARGED.                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
| DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN COURT AT BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS<br>DAY OF <i>NOV 26 2019</i> 20____.                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
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