

January 1, 2017

**RE: Certification of Independence, Florida F.A.C. Rule 61G20-3**

To Whom It May Concern:

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Please contact our office with any questions.

Sincerely,



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