

## THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

## BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Mr. Donald Richard "Dick" Donovan, District Attorney of the

Paulding Judicial Circuit, was indicted on February 17, 2021, on one count of Bribery, one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer,

and two counts of False Swearing; and

WHEREAS: The indictment was transmitted to the Office of the Governor

pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received

on February 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e), Mr. Donovan has voluntarily

authorized his suspension from office as District Attorney of the

Paulding Judicial Circuit.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

**ORDERED:** That Mr. Donald Richard "Dick" Donovan, District Attorney of the

Paulding Judicial Circuit, is hereby suspended from office immediately and without further action pending the final disposition of the case or until the expiration of his term of office, whichever

occurs first, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c).

This 24<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2021.

**GOVERNOR**