



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On August 10, 2022, Mr. Richard D. Morgan, Sheriff of Miller County, was arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and charged with one count of Sexual Battery and one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer; and

**WHEREAS:** By letter dated August 11, 2022, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association has requested the appointment of a committee under Code Section 15-16-26 to investigate Sheriff Morgan; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(a), upon criminal charges against a sheriff, the Governor has the authority to appoint an investigative committee consisting of the Attorney General and two sheriffs who are members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 15-16-26 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Christopher Carr, Sheriff Rod Howell of Colquitt County, and Sheriff Ashley Paulk of Lowndes County are hereby appointed as the committee to investigate Sheriff Morgan.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the committee shall make a report of its investigation to me within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Howell", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR