



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On August 11, 2022, I appointed a committee consisting of Attorney General Christopher Carr, Sheriff Rod Howell of Colquitt County, and Sheriff Ashley Paulk of Lowndes County to investigate Sheriff Richard Morgan of Miller County after he 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, by issuing Executive Order 08.11.22.03; and

WHEREAS: On August 26, 2022, the committee delivered its recommendation to me that, based on the committee's investigation and findings, Sheriff Morgan be suspended pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(c).

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

ORDERED: That Sheriff Morgan is hereby suspended from the Office of Sheriff of Miller County for a period of sixty (60) days, effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(d), the Chief Judge of the Pataula Judicial Circuit shall appoint a person who meets the qualifications for sheriffs pursuant to Code Section 15-16-1 to assume the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff of Miller County during the period of Sheriff Morgan's suspension.

This 29th day of August 2022.

Handwritten signature of Brian Kemp in black ink.

GOVERNOR