



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On June 3, 2024, I appointed a committee consisting of Attorney General Christopher Carr, Sheriff Robert Markley of Morgan County, and Sheriff Janis Mangum of Jackson County to investigate Sheriff Chad Nichols of Rabun County after he was arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and charged with one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer, one count of Sexual Battery, and one count of Public Indecency, by issuing Executive Order 06.03.24.01; and

WHEREAS: On June 14, 2024, the committee delivered its recommendation to me that Sheriff Nichols be suspended pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26.

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 Nichols is hereby suspended from the Office of Sheriff of Rabun County for a period of sixty (60) days, effective immediately.

This 14th day of June 2024.

GOVERNOR