



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On May 31, 2024, Mr. Chad Nichols, Sheriff of Rabun County, 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; and

**WHEREAS:** An Executive Order was issued on June 3, 2024, appointing a committee to investigate Sheriff Nichols; and

**WHEREAS:** On June 14, 2024, the committee delivered its recommendation that Sheriff Nichols be suspended from office pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26; and

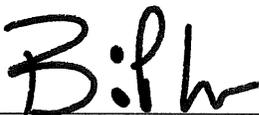
**WHEREAS:** Accordingly, on June 14, 2024, I issued Executive Order 06.14.24.01 suspending Sheriff Nichols for a period of sixty days; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(c), "in any case where a sheriff has been suspended for [sixty] days, the Governor may extend the period of suspension for an additional [thirty] days."

**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 the period of suspension for Sheriff Nichols is hereby extended for an additional thirty days.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

  
GOVERNOR