



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On August 14, 2024, Mr. Chad Nichols, Sheriff of Rabun County, was indicted on one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer; and

WHEREAS: The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on August 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS: An Executive Order was issued on September 3, 2024, appointing members to the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the Office of the Rabun County Sheriff such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected; and

WHEREAS: By report dated September 9, 2024, the Review Commission found that the indictment of Mr. Chad Nichols does relate to and does adversely affect the administration of the Office of the Rabun County Sheriff, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Sheriff Nichols be suspended from office pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 45-5-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 45-5-6 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That Mr. Chad Nichols 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 Code Section 45-5-6(c).

This 10th day of September 2024.


GOVERNOR