# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On August 14, 2024, Mr. Benjamin Cary Cranford, Jr., Mayor of Thomson, Georgia, was indicted on one count of Furnishing Prohibited Items to Inmates and one count of Criminal Attempt to Commit a Felony; 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 20, 2024; and

**WHEREAS:** An Executive Order was issued on September 9, 2024, appointing members to the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of duties by Mayor Cranford; and

**WHEREAS:** Additional time was granted for the Review Commission to make its written report pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(c); and

**WHEREAS:** By report received October 1, 2024, the Review Commission found that the indictment of Mr. Benjamin Cary Cranford, Jr. does relate to and does adversely affect the administration of duties by Mayor Cranford, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Mr. Benjamin Cary Cranford, Jr. 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. Benjamin Cary Cranford, Jr. 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 4th day of October 2024.

**GOVERNOR**