



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: An Executive Order was issued on September 9, 2024, appointing members to the Review Commission to determine whether the indictment related to and adversely affected the administration of duties by Mayor Cranford and that the rights and interests of the public were adversely affected thereby; and

WHEREAS: By report received October 1, 2024, the Review Commission found that the indictment related to and adversely affected the administration of duties by Mayor Cranford, and that the rights and interests of the public were adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Mayor Cranford be suspended from office pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6; and

WHEREAS: On October 4, 2024, an Executive Order was issued suspending Mayor Cranford from office in accordance with the Review Commission's recommendation; and

WHEREAS: On October 16, 2024, Mayor Cranford petitioned for a review of his suspension pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(f).

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 Attorney General Christopher Carr, Mayor Roxanne Whitaker of Harlem, and Mayor Gary Jones of Grovetown are hereby re-appointed as the Review Commission to review the suspension of Mayor Cranford, and to make a written report within 14 days.

This 17th day of October 2024.

GOVERNOR