



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On October 27, 2025, Mr. Kenneth Henderson, Sheriff of Towns County, was indicted on three counts of Violation of Oath of Office by Public Officer, one count of False Imprisonment Under Color of Law, one count of False Imprisonment, one count of Simple Battery on a Police Officer, and one count of Simple Battery; and

WHEREAS: A certified copy of the indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(b) and received on November 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS: On December 2, 2025, Executive Order 12.02.25.01 was issued appointing members to the review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of duties by Mr. Henderson such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and

WHEREAS: By report dated December 16, 2025, the review commission found that the indictment of Mr. Henderson does relate to and does adversely affect the administration of duties by Mr. Henderson, and that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby; and recommended that Sheriff Henderson 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. Henderson 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 19th day of December 2025.

GOVERNOR