



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On March 6, 2026, I issued Executive Order 03.06.26.01, appointing a committee to investigate Sheriff Gerald Couch of Hall County pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 15-16-26(c) authorizes the Governor, upon the recommendation of the investigative committee, to suspend a sheriff for a period of up to 60 days; and

WHEREAS: On March 16, 2026, the committee delivered its recommendation to me that Sheriff Couch be suspended from office.

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 Sheriff Couch is hereby suspended from the Office of Sheriff of Hall County for a period of 60 days, effective immediately.

This 17th day of March 2026.

GOVERNOR