



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

WHEREAS: Accordingly, on March 17, 2026, I issued Executive Order 03.17.26.01 suspending Mr. Couch for 60 days; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(c), “[i]n any case where a sheriff has been suspended for 60 days, the Governor may extend the period of suspension for an additional 30 days.”

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 the period of suspension for Mr. Couch is hereby extended for an additional 30 days.

This 15th day of May 2026.

GOVERNOR