



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On August 25, 2015, Mr. Ronald Fortner, Lumpkin County Coroner, was indicted on one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer and thirty-six counts of Theft by Deception; and

**WHEREAS:** The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on September 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS:** The 14-day period following the receipt of the indictment as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e) has passed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Sam Olens; Liberty County Coroner, Reginald L. Pierce, Sr.; and Clarke County Coroner, Sonny Wilson, are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of the office of Lumpkin County Coroner by Mr. Fortner such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby and to make a written report to me within 28 days with a recommendation as to whether Mr. Fortner should be suspended from office as required by O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e).

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR