



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Mr. Thomas L. Witts, Mayor of the City of Snellville, was indicted on September 7, 2017, on 19 counts of False Statements and Writings, Concealment of Facts, and Fraudulent Documents in Matters Within Jurisdiction of State or Political Subdivision; 19 counts of False Swearing; 2 counts of Violation of Oath by Public Officer; 4 counts of Sale of Property to Political Subdivision by Officer or Employee; 17 counts of Theft by Conversion; and 5 counts of Evasion of Income Tax, Penalty, Interest, or Other Amount in Excess of \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS: The indictment was transmitted to the Office of the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on September 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS: On October 10, 2017, a review commission composed of Attorney General Chris Carr, Mayor Vanessa Fleisch of the City of Peachtree City, and Mayor Steve Tumlin of the City of Marietta was appointed to determine whether the indictment related to or adversely affected the administration of the office of Mayor by Mr. Witts; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(e), Mr. Witts has voluntarily authorized the Governor to suspend him from the office of Mayor of the City of Snellville; and

WHEREAS: After reviewing the indictment and the letter from Mr. Witts, the commission recommended that Mayor Witts be suspended from office pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That Mr. Thomas L. Witts, Mayor of the City of Snellville, is hereby suspended from office immediately and without further action pending the final disposition of the case or until expiration of his term of office, whichever occurs first, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 45-5-6(c).

This 11TH day of October, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR