



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **INCREASING THE GEORGIANS FOR REFUGE, ACTION, COMPASSION, & EDUCATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

- WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Executive Order 02.26.19.01, the Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, & Education (GRACE) Commission was created to leverage the knowledge and community resources of an alliance of members from the private and public sectors to find solutions to the challenge of human trafficking and seek to eliminate human trafficking in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** On February 14, 2022, I issued Executive Order No. 02.14.22.01 increasing the membership of the GRACE Commission to twenty-three (23) members to allow the Commission to take increased action to combat the growing threat to freedom for victims in every region of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Further increasing the Commission's membership will allow for additional stakeholder input to contribute to the valuable work against human trafficking it continues to champion; and
- WHEREAS:** Former co-chair of the Commission, Vic Reynolds, accepted an appointment to the Cobb County Superior Court bench and is no longer with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation ("GBI"); and
- WHEREAS:** Given the GBI's substantial role in fighting human trafficking in Georgia, it is appropriate that the current GBI director, Michael Register, serve as co-chair of the GRACE Commission.

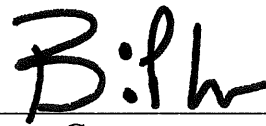
**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

- ORDERED:** That the GRACE Commission membership shall be increased by two (2) members, from twenty-three (23) members to twenty-five (25) members, to be appointed by the Governor based on the recommendations of First Lady Marty Kemp.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That GBI Director Michael Register shall replace former GBI Director Vic Reynolds as co-chair of the GRACE Commission and shall serve alongside existing co-chairs First Lady Marty Kemp and State House Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR