



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On May 31, 2024, Mr. Chad Nichols, Sheriff of Rabun County, was arrested by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and charged with one count of Violation of Oath by Public Officer, one count of Sexual Battery, and one count of Public Indecency; and

**WHEREAS:** By letter dated May 31, 2024, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association has requested the appointment of a committee under Code Section 15-16-26 to investigate Sheriff Nichols; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Code Section 15-16-26(a), upon criminal charges against a sheriff, the Governor has the authority to appoint an investigative committee consisting of the Attorney General and two sheriffs who are members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 15-16-26 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Attorney General Christopher Carr, Sheriff Robert Markley of Morgan County, and Sheriff Janis Mangum of Jackson County are hereby appointed as the committee to investigate Sheriff Nichols.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the committee shall make a report of its investigation to me within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024.

GOVERNOR