



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On August 14, 2024, Mr. Benjamin Cary Cranford, Jr., Mayor of Thomson, Georgia was indicted on one count of Furnishing Prohibited Items to Inmates and one count of Criminal Attempt to Commit a Felony; and

WHEREAS: The indictment was transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Code Section 45-5-6(b), and the certified copy was received on August 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The fourteen-day period following receipt of the indictment as prescribed by Code Section 45-5-6(e) has passed.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 45-5-6, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That Attorney General Christopher Carr, Mayor Roxanne Whitaker of Harlem, and Mayor Gary Jones of Grovetown are hereby appointed as the review commission to determine whether the above-mentioned indictment relates to and adversely affects the administration of duties by Mayor Cranford such that the rights and interests of the public are adversely affected thereby, and to make a written report to me within fourteen days with a recommendation as to whether Mayor Cranford should be suspended from office as required by Code Section 45-5-6(c).

This 9th day of September 2024.

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GOVERNOR