



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS: By letter dated July 1, 2004, the Georgia Sheriff's Association has requested the appointment of a committee under O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26 to investigate alleged misconduct in office on the part of Jackie Barrett, Sheriff of Fulton County; and
- WHEREAS: The Honorable Marvin H. Shoob, Senior Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, has entered an Order taking judicial notice that "due to recent allegations of mishandling of funds and other charges, Sheriff Jacquelyn Barrett . . . appears unable or unwilling to deal with the serious problems facing the [Fulton County] jail." *Harper v. Bennett*, No 1:04-CV-1416-MHS (N.D. Ga. June 25, 2004) (order to show cause why the court should not appoint a receiver as custodian of the Fulton County Jail); and,
- WHEREAS: Under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(a), the Governor has determined that an investigation of Sheriff Barrett should be made as a result of the alleged misconduct in office and the alleged incapacity of the sheriff to perform the functions of the office; and,
- WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(a) provides that the Governor shall appoint two sheriffs who are members of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association to conduct the investigation along with the Attorney General; and,

I therefore appoint Thomas Brown, Sheriff of DeKalb County, Howard Sills, Sheriff of Putnam County, and the Attorney General as a committee to conduct an investigation and to make a report of their investigation to me within 30 days as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(b), with a recommendation as to whether Jackie Barrett should be

suspended from office as prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 15-16-26(c).

This 1st day of July 2004.



GOVERNOR