



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-82, on August 30, 2017, an Executive Order was issued appointing members to a committee charged with investigating the Clerk of the Superior and State Courts of Spalding County, Ms. Marcia Norris; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 28, 2017, the Georgia Department of Law transmitted to my office the committee's final report and recommendation regarding Ms. Norris; and

**WHEREAS:** The committee concluded that the willful failure of Ms. Norris to fulfill her duties as the Clerk of the Superior and State Courts of Spalding County constitutes misconduct in office, recommended that Ms. Norris be suspended from office for a period of 60 days, and further recommended that the District Attorney for the Griffin Judicial Circuit bring a removal petition against Ms. Norris.

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

**ORDERED:** That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-82, Ms. Marcia Norris is hereby suspended from the office of Clerk of the Superior and State Courts of Spalding County for a period of sixty days.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That District Attorney Ben Coker review the report of the committee to ascertain whether a removal petition should be brought against Ms. Norris and, if such a petition is appropriate, the District Attorney shall be authorized to bring said petition for removal on the basis of the report of the committee, allowing the citizens of Spalding County to determine whether she should continue to serve as the Spalding County Clerk of Court.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Deal".  
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GOVERNOR