

**AMENDMENT TO THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES
AGREEMENT AMONG THE CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE OF THE
SOUTHERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF
BROOKS, COLQUITT, ECHOLS, LOWNDES, AND THOMAS COUNTIES**

THE AGREEMENT entered on January 31, 2007, among the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Southern Judicial Circuit (herein referred to as "the Public Defender Office"), the governing authority of Brooks County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Brooks County"), the governing authority of Colquitt County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Colquitt County"), the governing authority of Echols County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Echols County"), the governing authority of Lowndes County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Lowndes County"), and the governing authority of Thomas County, a body politic and a subdivision of the State of Georgia (herein referred to as "Thomas County"), is hereby amended pursuant to Section 6.06 of the agreement by striking in its entirety Section 6.01 relating to Term of the agreement and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 6.01 Term. The term of this agreement is 1 year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. This agreement may be renewed by the Public Defender Office by providing written notice to each of the county representatives designated in Section 6.05 within 30 days prior to the expiration of the agreement in accordance with Section 6.06. This agreement may also be renewed when the annual budget has been agreed to by all parties. Notice of the renewal will be sent by the Public Defender to the representatives of the parties identified in Section 6.05.

In addition, the parties to this agreement acknowledge and consent to the continued rollover of the county's surplus sent to the GPDC in calendar year 2025, if any, from the previous calendar year budgets to be retained on behalf of the Public Defender Program for FY 2025-2026. These funds are specific to personnel and operating expenses for the Valdosta office from Lowndes, Brooks and Echols Counties and the personnel budget from Colquitt and Thomas Counties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each here unto affixed their signatures.