


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order NUMBER: 1.01</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: OATH(S) OF OFFICE</p>	<p>Amends:</p>	<p>Rescinds:</p>	
<p>Index as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oath(s) of Office Deputy Sheriff, Oath of Office Jailor, Oath of Office Sheriff, Oath of Office 	<p>State Certification Standards: 1.2</p>		
<p>Special Instructions:</p>			

PURPOSE

To prescribe the oaths of office for all deputies and jailors of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that all sworn personnel take an oath of office prior to assuming sworn status.

I. OATH OF OFFICE (SHERIFF)

Before initiating his duties, the Sheriff shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by O.C.G.A. §15-16-4 before the judge of the Superior Court or the judge of the Probate Court.

II. OATH OF OFFICE (DEPUTY SHERIFF)

All full-time and part-time deputies of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office will be required to execute and abide by the agency's oath of office prior to assuming sworn status and before exercising any type of police powers. The Sheriff will administer the oath of office, which will consist of the following statement:

"I, _____, do swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute all writs, warrants, precepts, and processes directed to me as a Deputy Sheriff of the County, or which are directed to all Sheriff's of this State, or to any other Sheriff specially, which I can lawfully execute, and true returns make, and in all things well and truly, without malice or partiality, perform the duties of the office of Deputy Sheriff of Rabun County, during my continuance therein, and take only my lawful fees.

I do further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State, political subdivision or authority thereof, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, nor either of the several States, nor any foreign State, and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State.

I do further swear or affirm that I will abide by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as adopted by this agency." So help me God.

III. OATH OF OFFICE (JAILOR)

All Jailors of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office will be required to execute and abide by the agency's oath of office prior to assuming jailor status and before exercising any type of authority associated with that position. The oath of office will be administered by the Sheriff and will consist of the following statement:

"I, _____, swear that I will well and truly do and perform, all and singular, the duties of jailor for the County of Rabun; and that I will humanely treat prisoners who may be brought to the jail of which I am keeper and not suffer them to escape by any negligence or inattention of mine.

I do further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this State, political subdivision or authority thereof, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, nor either of the several States, nor any foreign State, and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State.

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By Order of the Sheriff: **Chad K. Nichols**
Sheriff, Rabun County