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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheriffs and District Attorneys (See Recipient List)

FROM: Robert Bentley, Governor *RJB*
Luther Strange, Attorney General *LTS*

RE: Executive Order No. 13 and Local Constitutional Amendments for Bingo

DATE: September 20, 2016

Our Offices sent correspondence on September 20, 2016, to the Sheriffs and District Attorneys for both Macon and Lowndes County. Both letters are attached. By these letters, we jointly called upon these local law enforcement officers to enforce the law in their respective County; specifically, the enforcement of laws which prohibit lotteries and gift enterprises, including electronic bingo, through appropriate law enforcement action.

Because the County in which you serve as a local law enforcement officer also has a constitutional amendment for bingo, we write to advise you of this joint communication to fellow law enforcement officials and reaffirm our position on enforcing the law as interpreted by the Alabama Supreme Court concerning the illegality of electronic bingo in our state and governing the conduct of bingo allowed through local constitutional amendments. To the extent you are already enforcing the law in your jurisdiction, this letter is simply to express our appreciation and to advise you of the communications expressing our view of the law as interpreted by the Alabama Supreme Court.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact David B. Byrne, Jr., Chief Legal Advisor to the Office of the Governor, at 334-242-7120, or Assistant Attorney General John Kachelman III, at 334-353-0619.