

# STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES



## ORDER STAYING THE EXECUTION OF SENTENCE OF DEATH

WHEREAS, upon the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1998, a sentence of death was imposed on the defendant in the case of The State of Georgia v. Robert Earl Butts, Jr., EF 405158, Indictment Number 39183, before the Superior Court of Baldwin County; and,

WHEREAS, an order of the Superior Court of Baldwin County, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, directs that Robert Earl Butts, Jr. shall be executed by the Department of Corrections during a certain period of time commencing at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018, and ending at noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles having received, on behalf of Robert Earl Butts, Jr., a clemency application requesting that the Board exercise its authority to commute his sentence of death; and,

WHEREAS, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles has reviewed and considered the application and determined that additional time is required by the Board to examine the substance of the claims offered in support of the application and its request that Robert Earl Butts, Jr. be relieved from his sentence of death;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section II, Paragraph II (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, on behalf of the Members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the execution of the sentence of death in this case be and hereby is **STAYED** until midnight July 31, 2018, or until this Board issues an order lifting this stay of the execution of the death sentence of Robert Earl Butts, Jr., whichever first occurs.

For the State Board of Pardons and Paroles on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018.



  
James W. Mills  
Chairman