John F. King was sworn in as Georgia's Insurance Commissioner by Governor Brian Kemp on July 1, 2019. He previously was the Chief of Police for the City of Doraville since October 2002. King served in many capacities with the Doraville Police Department, including Deputy Chief over enforcement operations. He began his employment with the City of Doraville in 1993 as a Detective. Prior to that, King was an Atlanta police officer beginning his career in 1985. While at the Atlanta Police Department, King worked various assignments including Red Dog, Organized Crime/Intelligence. King's career includes assignments to both the FBI and DEA as a Task Force Agent. In 1987, while at the Atlanta Police Department, he received the Chief's Blue Star for being injured in the line of duty as a result of criminal attack with a firearm.

A native of Mexico, King has created meaningful impact by building bridges among Doraville’s diverse populations and implementing youth education and crime-prevention programs. Recognizing Doraville's international composition, King made it a priority to hire bilingual police officers, place multiple languages on police cars, and ensure effective translators and public defenders were employed at the City Courthouse. His initiatives include Anti-Gang education programs for elementary school students and parents. King worked with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to establish an education program for prospective small business entrepreneurs and worked with state, county and local leaders to implement a safety and speed reduction program targeted on Buford Highway to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities. King is also a member of Leadership DeKalb.

In addition to his role as Doraville’s Chief of Police, King serves as a Major General in the U.S. Army National Guard assigned to U.S. Army North and Commander Task Force 51. He was the former Commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served as the Military Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior for Security for Afghanistan, an agency of over 96,000 police officers. He has won many awards for military and public service including the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge, meritorious service medals, and a NATO award for his service in both Bosnia and Afghanistan, among others. He also received the El Salvador gold medal for achievement in 2006.

King earned a Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice and public administration from Brenau University and a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He was a graduate of class #229 in the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and a graduate of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program to Israel (GILEE). King is also fluent in Spanish.
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