



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

RENEWING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR TROPICAL STORM HELENE

- WHEREAS:** On September 24, 2024, due to the potential negative impacts of Tropical Storm Helene on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order 09.24.24.01, declaring a State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 1, 2024, I renewed the State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene through October 9, 2024, by issuing Executive Order 10.01.24.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 8, 2024, I renewed the State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene for a limited number of counties through October 16, 2024, by issuing Executive Order 10.08.24.01; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 15, 2024, I renewed the State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene for a limited number of counties through October 23, 2024, by issuing Executive Order 10.15.24.01; and
- WHEREAS:** The Governor is vested with the emergency powers cited herein as the Chief Executive of this State; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-28 provides that “[a]ll orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Governor” have the force and effect of law; and
- WHEREAS:** As Chief Executive, the Governor is tasked with protecting the citizens of this State, including during a state of emergency; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(c)(1) vests the Governor with the power to enforce all laws, rules, and regulations relating to emergency management and to assume direct operational control of all civil forces and helpers in the state; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(c)(4) vests the Governor with the power to perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(d)(1) vests the Governor with the power to suspend any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the power to renew any state of emergency for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with state emergency preparedness, economic, and transportation officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to ensure continuation of the State's storm response and recovery efforts, protect the continued strength of Georgia's economy, and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene declared by Executive Order 09.24.24.01, and renewed by Executive Orders 10.01.24.01, 10.08.24.01, and 10.15.24.01, which is set to expire on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 11:59 P.M., shall be renewed for seven (7) days, for the following counties only:

Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baldwin, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Hancock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, Madison, McDuffie, McIntosh, Montgomery, Newton, Pierce, Putnam, Rabun, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Telfair, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Turner, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilkes, Wilkinson, and Worth.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene shall terminate on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 11:59 P.M., unless otherwise renewed or terminated via subsequent Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the terms of Executive Order 09.24.24.01, as renewed by Executive Orders 10.01.24.01, 10.08.24.01, and 10.15.24.01, are hereby adopted by reference.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

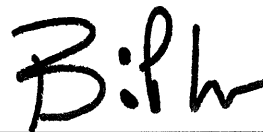
IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: The Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 22nd day of October 2024.



GOVERNOR