



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE ISAIAS

- WHEREAS:** The National Hurricane Center forecasts Hurricane Isaias will make landfall near the Alabama and Florida coastline Friday evening as a near-major hurricane; and
- WHEREAS:** The wind field of Hurricane Isaias is expected to expand before landfall, with impacts extending well outside the cone of uncertainty and affecting much of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Rain is expected to move into South Georgia during the day Friday, with the primary period of impact across the State expected from Friday evening through Sunday morning; and
- WHEREAS:** Strong, gusty winds are expected Friday night and Saturday, with gusts of up to 40 to 50 miles per hour in western Georgia, as the center of Hurricane Isaias moves through Alabama; and
- WHEREAS:** High pressure extending into Georgia from the northeast, combined with the nearby low-pressure system associated with Hurricane Isaias, is expected to produce a tight pressure gradient, enhancing wind impacts across much of North Georgia and producing powerful gusts across and threats of tornadoes across much of the State, including areas far from the center of the storm; and
- WHEREAS:** These strong winds and potential tornadoes could cause widespread downed trees and power lines, power outages, and debris-related impacts across the State on Saturday; and
- WHEREAS:** Although widespread flooding is not expected due to the rapid movement of Hurricane Isaias, prolonged heavy rainfall could cause flash flooding in areas that have recently received several inches of rain; and

- WHEREAS:** On September 28, 2026, due to the petroleum supply disruptions and the resulting volatile prices for gas and diesel fuel, I declared a State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions by Executive Order No. 09.28.26.01, which was amended and renewed on October 6, 2026, by Executive Order No. 10.06.26.01; and
- WHEREAS:** This Order shall create a coexisting state of emergency in the State of Georgia with the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions described in the immediately preceding paragraph; and
- WHEREAS:** In preparation for the anticipated impact of Hurricane Isais, assistance from the State of Georgia is necessary to provide for the public's safety, protect public and private property, and maintain the social and economic welfare of the State; and
- WHEREAS:** The Governor is vested with the emergency powers cited herein as the Chief Executive of this State; and
- WHEREAS:** As Chief Executive, the Governor is tasked with declaring a state of emergency "[i]n the event of [an] actual or impending emergency or disaster of natural or human origin . . . within or affecting this [S]tate" under Code Section 38-3-51(a); and
- WHEREAS:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 395.1 *et seq.*, limit the hours that operators of commercial motor vehicles may drive; and
- WHEREAS:** During an emergency declared by the Governor, 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 allows the Governor to suspend these rules and regulations for 14 days or until the emergency condition ceases to exist, whichever is less; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(c) vests the Governor with the authority to bring emergency situations under control by issuing orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public; 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:** In consultation with state emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to 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 SECTIONS 38-3-28 AND 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the potential negative impact of Hurricane Isaias.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency declared by this Order shall coexist with the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions declared by Executive Order No. 09.28.26.01 and amended and renewed by Executive Order No. 10.06.26.01. The existence or termination of one shall not impinge the others.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That any orders derivative of or appurtenant to this Order addressing this State of Emergency shall not infringe, overturn, or in any way amend any orders that have been issued for the purpose of responding to the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions declared by Executive Order No. 09.28.26.01 and amended and renewed by Executive Order No. 10.06.26.01.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparation, response, and recovery activities throughout the State, and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and the Georgia State Operations Center.

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ORDERED: That state agencies shall coordinate all public and emergency information, activities, releases, and response efforts related to this emergency with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgia Department of Public Safety shall take all necessary action to ensure the expeditious movement of utility vehicles, equipment, and personnel through the State to eliminate power outages.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That state agencies shall provide sufficient personnel required for the staffing of the Georgia State Operations Center or other command, control, and coordination points as may be designated by the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and shall provide such personnel, vehicles, equipment, and other resources needed to protect life and property and to ensure continuation, restoration, and recovery of essential public services.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Defense provide up to five hundred (500) Georgia National Guard troops to be used in preparation, response, and recovery efforts for this State of Emergency, including all appropriate equipment.

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ORDERED: That said Georgia National Guard troops be called up to State Active Duty as necessary by the Adjutant General.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the weight, height, and length of any vehicle traveling through the State of Georgia for the purposes of providing relief related to this State of Emergency, which traverses roadways maintained by the State of Georgia, excluding interstates, shall not exceed the following:

- A. A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles, with an outer bridge span of not less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds, a maximum width of ten (10) feet, and an overall length of one hundred (100) feet. Continuous travel is authorized with the proper escorts.
- B. If the width of said vehicle exceeds eight (8) feet six (6) inches and is traveling after daylight, defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, the transporter is required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a two-lane roadway and a vehicle rear escort when traveling on a four-lane highway. Transporters are responsible for ensuring that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as defined

in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That commercial vehicles operating outside the normal weight, height, and length restrictions under the authority of this State of Emergency shall be issued permits by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Said vehicles shall be subject to any special conditions the Georgia Department of Public Safety may list on applicable permits. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Executive Order be construed to relieve compliance with restrictions other than those specified in this Order or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

Oversize permits may be issued by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday by calling 844-837-5500 or through the Georgia Permitting and Routing Optimization System online portal at <https://www.gapropermits.com/>.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations limiting the hours that operators of commercial vehicles may drive, 49 C.F.R. § 390 *et seq.*, are suspended to ensure the uninterrupted supply of goods and services necessary to respond to this State of Emergency, including petroleum products, for fourteen (14) days or until the emergency condition ceases to exist, whichever is less, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23. Nothing herein shall be construed as an exemption from the commercial driver's license requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383.1 *et seq.*, or the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387.1 *et seq.*, or to require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a motor vehicle. A driver who notifies a motor vehicle carrier that he or she needs immediate rest will be given at least ten (10) consecutive hours off duty before being required to return to service, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Code Section 10-1-393.4, price gouging related to goods and services necessary for preparation, response, and recovery activities for this State of Emergency, including motor fuel, diesel fuel, and other petroleum products, would be detrimental to the

social and economic welfare of the citizens of this State and is therefore prohibited.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions of 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 provision 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: That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this Order does not suspend the operation of any state or federal law or regulation, except as specifically described herein.

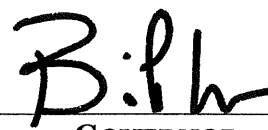
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ORDERED: That the Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further executive orders.

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ORDERED: That all provisions of the Order shall become effective upon signature and shall be valid for a period of seven (7) days, expiring Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. unless this State of Emergency is renewed by the Governor.

This 8th day of October 2026.


GOVERNOR