THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On Saturday December 7, 2019, Grady Memorial Hospital located in Atlanta, Georgia, suffered a catastrophic failure of its piping system, allowing thousands of gallons of water to flood multiple floors and irreparably damage a portion of its electrical system; and

WHEREAS: Grady Memorial Hospital is a level 1 trauma center and the regional coordinating hospital for Georgia’s Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS: Grady Memorial Hospital began total diversion of ambulance driven patients on December 7, 2019, and diversion protocols remain in place today; and

WHEREAS: Due to the increased patient load, other metropolitan Atlanta hospital systems are now at capacity and implementing or contemplating implementation of diversion protocols; and

WHEREAS: Metropolitan Atlanta residents and visitors require adequate trauma centers and hospital capacity to service the public need; and

WHEREAS: Assistance from the state of Georgia is necessary to provide for the public’s safety and restore the social and economic welfare of the affected county; and

WHEREAS: Georgia law vests the Governor in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51 with the authority to bring emergency situations under control by issuing orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency exists in Fulton County.

IT IS FURTHER

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on December 13, 2019, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on January 12, 2020.

This 13 day of December, 2019 at 10:01 AM/PM.

[Signature]
Governor