



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On January 2 and 3, 2017, a severe weather system moved in to the State of Georgia producing severe thunderstorms, excessive rainfall and tornadoes resulting in damage to Southwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS: On January 9, 2017, I issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency in eight (8) Georgia counties based on the projected needs of the impacted counties; and

WHEREAS: Assessments from County Emergency Managers in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency continue to detail a need for assistance in Dougherty and Mitchell Counties; and

WHEREAS: Due to downed trees and debris, first responders may have limited access to fire hydrants across the impacted area, restricting residences and businesses from access to an essential public service; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the government of the State of Georgia is necessary to protect the public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and restore the social and economic welfare of the impacted counties; and

WHEREAS: Temporary lodging availability is an essential need of the public and any shortage threatens the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and with the authority vested in the Governor by virtue of Article 3, Section 38-3-51, of the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, as amended to issue reasonable orders, rules and regulations deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of the Governor.

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

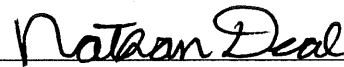
ORDERED: That a State of Emergency continues to exist in Dougherty and Mitchell Counties.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities currently being undertaken in Dougherty and Mitchell Counties, and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of seven (7) additional days, beginning on January 18, 2017 and ending at 11:59 pm on January 25, 2017.

This 18th day of January, 2017 at 2:30 ~~AM~~/PM.



GOVERNOR