



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On January 21 and 22, 2017, a severe weather system moved in to the State of Georgia producing severe thunderstorms, excessive rainfall and long track tornadoes resulting in numerous injuries and fatalities as well as extensive property damage in South Central Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Assessments from County Emergency Managers in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency detail a need for immediate assistance in the impacted Georgia counties; and

WHEREAS: Due to downed trees and debris, Georgia's network of rural roads may be rendered impassable in areas of the impacted counties, isolating residences and farms from access to essential public services; 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 these counties; and

WHEREAS: Temporary lodging availability and the uninterrupted supply of transportation fuel are essential needs of the public and any shortage threatens the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS: The authority is 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 exists in the following counties: Atkinson, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Lowndes and Thomas.

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 the above mentioned counties, and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of seven (7) days, beginning on January 22, 2017, and ending at 11:59 pm on January 29, 2017.

This 22nd day of January, 2017, at 11:00 ~~AM~~ ~~PM~~.



GOVERNOR