



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On Friday, November 13, 2015, a series of synchronized terrorist attacks were carried out against the people of France and those attacks appear to be directly linked to the ongoing conflict in Syria; and

WHEREAS: The brazen nature of these terrorist attacks creates significant concern over refugees from Syria to the United States and, specifically, the State of Georgia;

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

ORDERED: That all agencies of the State of Georgia halt any involvement in accepting refugees from Syria for resettlement in the State of Georgia until such time as the United States Department of State has re-examined the security concerns and established new processes for accepting refugees from Syria. In addition, no agency of the State of Georgia shall accept any refugees from Syria for resettlement in this State until such time as Congress has approved of the new processes for accepting refugees from Syria.

ORDERED: That the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) shall confirm that any refugees from Syria who have been resettled in this State do not pose a public safety risk. A report shall be provided to the Office of Governor as soon as practicable.

This 16th day of November, 2015.



GOVERNOR