



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On December 23, 2015, and continuing, a series of severe weather systems moved through the State of Georgia resulting in excessive rain which caused extensive flooding, damages, threats to life, and injuries in Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens Counties; 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:** 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 as are 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 three (3) counties: Fannin, Gilmer, and Pickens.

**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 that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of ten (10) days, beginning on December 24, 2015, and ending at 12:00 am on January 3, 2016.

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 at 4:00 ~~AM~~/PM.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR