



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for much of Central and North Georgia to begin on January 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Accumulated snowfall totals could potentially reach four (4) inches in North Georgia, including Metro Atlanta. Furthermore, temperatures over the next forty-eight (48) hours will allow for melting and refreezing of accumulated snow, producing additional ice related hazards; and

WHEREAS: This Winter Storm has the potential to cause significant damages throughout the affected area. Furthermore, roads will be nearly, if not completely, impassable with expected and potential snow and ice accumulations; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the Government of the State of Georgia is necessary to implement protective measures to ensure the public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and to minimize the social and economic impacts of this event on the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The uninterrupted supply of transportation fuel is an essential need of the public and any shortage threatens the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and in conjunction 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 promulgate reasonable orders, rules and regulations 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: Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke,

Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, McDuffie, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Rabun, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Towns, Troup, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, Warren, White, Whitfield and Wilkes.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparation, response and recovery activities 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 three (3) days, beginning on January 6, 2017 and ending at 11:59 pm on January 8, 2017.

This 5th day of January, 2017 at 4:00 ~~AM~~/PM.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR