



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 5, 2017, I issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency in four (4) 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 now detail a need for assistance in two (2) additional 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: 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 exists in the following counties: Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Mitchell, Turner and Worth.

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 activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of six (6) days, beginning on January 6, 2017 and ending at 11:59 pm on January 11, 2017.

This 6th day of January, 2017 at 12:30 AM/PM.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR