



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 at least sixteen (16) fatalities as well as extensive property damage in Southwest and Southcentral Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 23, 2017, I issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency in sixteen (16) 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 continued assistance in one (1) of the originally impacted Georgia counties; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to downed trees and debris, first responders may have limited access to fire hydrants across the impacted area, restricting residences and businesses from access to an essential public service; 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 this county; and
- WHEREAS:** Temporary lodging availability is an essential need 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 continues to exist in Dougherty County.

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 county, 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 three (3) days, beginning on January 30, 2017, and ending at 11:59 pm on February 1, 2017.

This 30th day of January, 2017, at 4:30 AM/PM.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR