

## THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

## BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On February 15 the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for parts

of the state and prompted the declaration of a State of Emergency for 15 counties in

North Georgia (Executive Order 02.15.15.01); and

WHEREAS: On February 16, 2015, the National Weather Service expanded the area for the Winter

Storm Warning to include the counties of Banks, Cherokee, Forsyth, Hall, Madison,

Jackson, Elbert, Stephens, and Gwinnett;

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 pubic, keep property damage to a minimum and to minimize the social and economic impacts of this

event on the citizens of this State; 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 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 Executive Order 02.15.15.01 is hereby amended and the State of Emergency has

been expanded to also include the counties listed above through February 17 and that personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparedness, response, and recovery activities that may be necessary; and that the

Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security activates the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.