



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On March 30, 2017, a large fire started and burned below an elevated portion of Interstate 85 in Fulton County. The fire impacted both directions of travel on Interstate 85 as well as several access roads in the vicinity of the interstate; and

WHEREAS: Due to the destructive force of this fire, an elevated segment of Interstate 85 Northbound lanes collapsed, rendering a portion of Interstate 85 Northbound impassable in Fulton County. The fire also impacted Interstate 85 Southbound lanes. Until the completion of engineering safety inspections, a portion of Interstate 85 Southbound will remain impassable in Fulton County; and

WHEREAS: Interstate 85 is a major transportation thoroughfare in Georgia and the Southeastern United States and its temporary closure in Fulton County may have far reaching social and economic consequences; and

WHEREAS: Preliminary assessments from Georgia Department of Transportation in conjunction with first responders detail a need for immediate assistance in Fulton County; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the government of the State of Georgia is necessary to preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and restore the social and economic welfare of the impacted area; 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 Fulton 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 underway and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

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ORDERED: That all State of Georgia employees reporting to work in the Metro Atlanta area delay their report time until 10:00am on March 31, 2017, and any nonessential State of Georgia employees who possess the capability of teleworking on March 31, 2017, be allowed to do so.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of seven (7) days, beginning on March 30, 2017 and ending at 11:59 pm on April 6, 2017.

This 30th day of March, 2017 at 10:00 AM/PM.



GOVERNOR