



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, confers upon the Governor of the State of Alabama the power to issue a State of Emergency when there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by natural or man-made disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama has experienced consecutive periods of severe winter weather, including ice, snow, sleet, freezing rain, as well as subfreezing temperatures, beginning on January 28, 2014, and on February 10, 2014 (the "2014 Winter Weather");

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Winter Weather has caused, and continues to cause, extreme delays in the transportation of feed and chickens for the poultry industry;

**WHEREAS**, the poultry industry is important to the State and these delays could cause the widespread death of poultry and, as a result, could adversely affect the health, welfare, and economy of the state;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of a state of emergency facilitates the granting of a waiver from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23, to allow relief from 49 CFR Sections 390 through 399, and subject to the limitations described below; and

**WHEREAS**, motor carriers that have an Out-of-Service Order in effect may not take advantage of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides under 49 CFR 390.23.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists for the purpose pursuant to 49 CFR 390.23 of facilitating a waiver to the U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Section 395 (Hours of Service for Drivers) as it relates to the transportation, for the poultry industry, of feed and of live poultry, which shall end after the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance, or 30 days from my initial State of Emergency Proclamation, unless sooner terminated, or as otherwise specified in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulations, whichever is less.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 12th day of February, 2014.

*Robert Bentley*  
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Robert Bentley  
Governor

ATTEST:

*Jim Bennett*  
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Jim Bennett  
Secretary of State