



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** On September 8, 2017, due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma to the state of Georgia as forecasted by the National Hurricane Center, I declared a State of Emergency for ninety-four (94) Georgia counties; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the updated National Hurricane Center forecast, through its five (5) day cone model and current National Hurricane Center weather warnings, Hurricane Irma will now potentially produce excessive rainfall and damaging winds, causing extensive flooding, fallen trees and the closure of numerous roads throughout the state of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Hurricane Center reports the tropical storm wind field extends 220 miles to the northeast and northwest of the center of the storm; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to the size of the storm, all of Georgia may potentially be impacted, regardless of Hurricane Irma's exact track; and
- WHEREAS:** The network of rural roads may be rendered impassable throughout the state of Georgia, isolating residences and farms from access to essential public services; and
- WHEREAS:** All Georgia citizens need to make the necessary preparations to shelter in place while the storm passes through the state; 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 all counties; and
- WHEREAS:** The authority is vested in the Governor, by virtue of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51, to issue reasonable orders, rules and regulations deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and 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 all Georgia counties.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparation, response and recovery activities, 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 seven (7) days, beginning on September 10, 2017, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on September 17, 2017.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 at 12:30~~AM~~/PM.

*Nathan Deal*

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GOVERNOR