



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On September 6, 2017, due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma as forecasted by the National Hurricane Center, I declared a State of Emergency for Georgia's six (6) coastal counties; and

**WHEREAS:** Due to the updated National Hurricane Center forecast, through its five (5) day cone model, Hurricane Irma will potentially produce excessive rainfall and damaging winds, causing extensive flooding, fallen trees and the closure of numerous roads in additional Georgia counties; and

**WHEREAS:** The network of coastal and rural roads may be rendered impassable in many areas of the impacted counties, isolating residences and farms from access to essential public services; 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 impacted 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 the following counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Jenkins, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne and Ware.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all citizens East of Interstate 95 along Georgia's coastline mandatorily evacuate this region beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The mandatory evacuation will be a phased evacuation at the direction of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in cooperation with county emergency management agencies.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency oversee the contraflow of a portion of Interstate 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2017, to better facilitate the movement of citizens out of the impacted area.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Georgia Department of Defense provide up to 5,000 Georgia National Guardsmen to be used in preparation, response and recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Irma within the state of Georgia.

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**ORDERED:** That these National Guardsmen be called up to State Active Duty, as necessary, by the Adjutant General.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all resources of the state of Georgia be made available to assist in preparation, response and recovery activities in the above mentioned counties, 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 fourteen (14) days, beginning on September 7, 2017, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on September 21, 2017.

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 at 11:30 AM/PM.

  
GOVERNOR