



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The wildland fires across southeastern Georgia have caused a State of Emergency to be declared under the "Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981," under Order of May 2, 2007; and
- WHEREAS:** The wildland fires have grown in excess of 130,000 acres, are not yet fully contained, and continue to threaten populated areas, the safety of the public, and property; and
- WHEREAS:** The State Forestry Commission and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency have shown that present funds are not sufficient for paying the expenses of fire fighting and recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** The assistance of the State of Georgia is needed through these two agencies and other public agencies with insufficient funds to protect the public health, preserve the public safety, prevent major destruction, and restore the social and economic welfare of these communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The provisions of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51 provide that when the available funds are not sufficient for the purpose of paying such expenses incident to carrying out activities authorized by the "Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981," the Governor may transfer from any available fund in the state treasury such sum as may be necessary to meet the emergency or disaster; and the moneys so transferred shall be repaid to the fund from which transferred when moneys become available for that purpose by legislative appropriation or otherwise; and
- WHEREAS:** The Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services and the Department of Revenue have advised that the Department of

Revenue has \$7,000,000 in unallotted, unneeded state general funds for the current fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Department Treasury and Fiscal Services electronically transfer from the unallotted, state general fund appropriations account of the Department of Revenue \$7,000,000 to Office of the Governor – Governor’s Emergency Fund.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That these funds, upon requisition, will be made available for personnel, equipment and other resources and activities authorized by the “Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981,” and for matching federal funds for similar purposes, as deemed necessary to assist the State Forestry Commission, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and other governmental entities so eligible, in the response and recovery activities currently being undertaken for this State of Emergency.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR

**ATTEST:**

  
Executive Secretary