



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On February 18 and 19, 2009, a severe weather system moved into the state of Georgia producing severe thunderstorms and tornadoes which caused extensive damage in Hancock, Jasper, Thomas, and Warren Counties; and

**WHEREAS:** These counties need assistance in removing debris resulting from the storms that exceed their capabilities and have requested State assistance; and

**WHEREAS:** The assistance of the government of the State of Georgia is necessary to protect the public health, preserve the public safety, keep property damage to a minimum, and restore the social and economic welfare of these counties; and

**WHEREAS:** In light of these circumstances and in conjunction 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 promulgate reasonable orders, rules and regulations as are 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 Hancock, Jasper, Thomas, and Warren Counties.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities currently being undertaken in Hancock, Jasper, Thomas and Warren Counties and that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for ten (10) days from this date.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

  
GOVERNOR