



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has a duty and responsibility to protect children from sexual predators and others who would do harm to our greatest resource; and
- WHEREAS:** The primary goal of the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) is to provide a coordinated local and state response to incidents of child abduction by organizing the resources and expertise of various agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia shall implement the Child Abduction Response Team to aid in creating a Safer Georgia for children; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles shall join together in a multi-agency effort to rescue abducted children and as needed, allocate their resources to missing or endangered children cases; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall be responsible for coordinating the CART program and ensuring the agencies listed in this Executive Order work in partnership in response to child abduction incidents, training, and preventative measures; and

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Emergency Management Agency shall support the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's activation of the CART program by establishing Unified Command and coordinating additional state resources as needed, consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan; and

**WHEREAS:** The agencies listed in this Executive Order shall execute a Memorandum of Understanding in regard to the guidelines for implementation of the CART program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the agencies listed in this Executive Order coordinate their available resources to implement the CART program and to adhere to the provisions of the CART Inter-Agency Memorandum of Understanding.

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

  
GOVERNOR