



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On February 15, 2004, a fire consumed two commercial buildings in the downtown area of Sparta, Georgia. The fire damage left these structures in a perilous situation posing a potential safety hazard to the adjoining properties and to State Route 15, a state highway owned and maintained by the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS: Said fire did cause major damage resulting in a weakened external wall structure capable of possible collapse on to the travel way of State Route 15; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the State of Georgia is necessary for the benefit of the social and economic welfare of the City of Sparta and to insure the safety to the motoring public on State Route 15; and

WHEREAS: In light of this crisis and in conjunction with the authority vested in the Governor by virtue of Article 3, Section 38-3-22, of the Georgia Emergency Act of 1981, as amended, to promulgate reasonable orders, rules and regulations as are deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of the Governor of this State.

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

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency exists in the City of Sparta in relation to the damage to the structure located adjacent to State Route 15.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery necessary to re-establish safe traffic movement on State Route 15 in the City of Sparta.

This 26th day of February 2004.


GOVERNOR