



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The presence of Hurricane Frances creates a threat of significant wind and flood damage and related evacuations and sheltering activities;

WHEREAS: Said wind damage and flooding may cause destruction and damage to properties located in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS: Evacuations may occur and sheltering activities may be necessary statewide; and

WHEREAS: The potential stress of the foregoing creates opportunities for price-gouging, fraud and consumer abuse; 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 to restore the social and economic welfare of the impacted 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 the 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 the State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia as a result of possible wind and flood damage, and necessary evacuation and sheltering activities and to prohibit possible

price-gouging, fraud and consumer abuse, and that all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities and that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That because of the findings set out herein above, the state of emergency exists statewide for the period beginning 6:00 p.m. today up to midnight September 7, 2004 or until the end of an additional period of time as may be authorized by further Executive Order.

This 1st day of September, 2004.



GOVERNOR