



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On March 26, 2005 a weather system with torrential downpours and severe thunderstorms moved through the State of Georgia, exacerbating flooding in the following counties: Candler, Crisp, Dodge, Emanuel, Marion, Stewart and Sumter. Rivers are continuing to rise and overflowing the banks; such flooding is forecast to continue through April 1, 2005.

WHEREAS: The State of Emergency is hereby amended to include the following counties: Clay, Lee, Quitman, Randolph and Dooly.

WHEREAS: Said heavy rains and flooding has caused major destruction and damage to roads, bridges, culverts and other public and private properties in the above-mentioned counties.

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 citizens in the above-mentioned counties.

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 above mentioned counties for a period of ten days until the midnight on April 8, 2005 and that personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities currently begin undertaken in the above

mentioned counties, and that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

ORDERED: This 29th day of March, 2005.


GOVERNOR