



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** Prolonged severe drought conditions existing across southeastern Georgia have created an extreme and widespread threat for wildland fires; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous wildland fires are impacting this same area, with some of those fires being the largest in Georgia's recorded history, having consumed over 100,000 acres to date; and
- WHEREAS:** These wildland fires are creating significant and immediate threats to homes, businesses, industries, and the citizens of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** These hazardous conditions require that the public be extremely vigilant regarding fire activity in their vicinity; and
- WHEREAS:** The public should not conduct any outdoor burning that could contribute to this dangerous situation; and
- WHEREAS:** This unprecedented event requires the assistance of the State of Georgia to protect the public health, preserve the safety of the public, prevent major destruction, and restore the social and economic welfare of these communities.

**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 Atkinson, Bacon, Berrien, Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Echols, Effingham, Glynn, Lanier, Liberty, Long, Lowndes, McIntosh, Pierce, Ware, and Wayne counties due to the existing extreme drought and unique forest fuel conditions.

**IT IS FURTHER**

- ORDERED:** That personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist the Georgia Forestry Commission, the Georgia

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Emergency Management Agency and local governments in the response and recovery activities currently being undertaken in the above mentioned counties consistent with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

Any inconsistent prior order is hereby rescinded.

This 2<sup>ND</sup> day of May, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR