



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 within the State of Georgia, I declared a Public Health State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS:** Continued assistance from the State of Georgia is necessary to provide for the public's safety, protect private property, and restore the social and economic welfare of the state; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia law vests the Governor in Code Section 38-3-51 with the authority to bring emergency situations under control by issuing orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Georgia Department of Defense provide up to 2,000 Georgia National Guard troops to be used in preparation, response, and recovery efforts associated with this Public Health State of Emergency in the State of Georgia.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That these Georgia National Guard troops be called up to State Active Duty as necessary by the Adjutant General at the request of the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

**IT IS FURTHER**

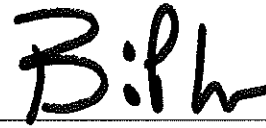
**ORDERED:** That if the emergency necessitates the use of Title 10 military forces, the Adjutant General will identify a member of his staff with appropriate training, rank, and qualifications to act as a dual status commander over all military forces responding to this Public Health Emergency within the State of Georgia.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That this Executive Order shall terminate on April 13, 2020, at 11:59 P.M., unless it is renewed by the Governor.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, at 4:31 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR