



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PASSING OF
FIRST LADY ELEANOR ROSALYNN CARTER**

- WHEREAS:** The nation and our State mourn the passing of First Lady Eleanor Rosalynn Carter on November 19, 2023; and
- WHEREAS:** The celebration of the First Lady's life will attract numerous visitors to her and President Carter's hometown of Plains, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Plains, Georgia is a rural community in Sumter County which lacks the transportation and public safety resources to deal with an event of the magnitude of Mrs. Carter's final farewell; and
- WHEREAS:** The influx of persons to Plains, Georgia, should not detract from the solemnity of the events mourning Mrs. Carter's passing, nor should it negatively impact the citizens of Georgia living in or traveling through the area; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 12, 2023, due to the ongoing economic hardships caused by rampant inflation, I issued Executive Order 09.12.23.01, declaring a State of Emergency for Inflation; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Emergency for Inflation was renewed on October 6, 2023, and November 8, 2023, by issuing Executive Orders 10.06.23.01 and 11.08.23.01, respectively; and
- WHEREAS:** This Order shall create a coexisting state of emergency in the State of Georgia with the State of Emergency for Inflation described in the immediately preceding paragraphs; and
- WHEREAS:** The responses by the State to this State of Emergency and the State of Emergency for Inflation should proceed simultaneously, without one impeding the other; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the authority to issue orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public in certain situations.

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 a State of Emergency exists in in the State of Georgia for the limited purpose of allowing state resources to meet the personnel and logistical challenges presented in executing Mrs. Carter's final farewell and interment.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State be made available to assist with the final farewell and interment of First Lady Rossalyn Carter.

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ORDERED: That state agencies shall coordinate all public and emergency information, activities, releases, and response efforts related to this Stats of Emergency with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

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ORDERED: That the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency activate the State Operations Center to coordinate all state assets assisting with the final farewell and interment of Mrs. Carter.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Defense provide up to fifty (50) Georgia National Guard troops to assist with the final farewell and interment of Mrs. Carter.

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ORDERED: That said Georgia National Guard troops be called up to State Active Duty as necessary by the Adjutant General.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency declared by this Order shall coexist with the State of Emergency for Inflation declared by Executive Order 09.12.23.01 and renewed by Executive Orders 10.06.23.01 and

11.08.23.01. The existence or termination of one shall not impinge the other.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That any orders derivative of or appurtenant to this Order addressing this State of Emergency shall not infringe, overturn, or in any way amend any orders that have been issued for the purpose of responding to the State of Emergency for Inflation declared by Executive Order 09.12.23.01 and renewed by Executive Orders 10.06.23.01 and 11.08.23.01.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

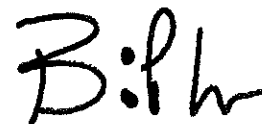
IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the provisions of this Order shall be effective upon signature and shall be valid for a period of ten (10) days, expiring Friday, December 1, 2023, at 11:59 P.M., unless this State of Emergency is renewed by the Governor.

This 21st day of November 2023.



GOVERNOR