

# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

---

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**AUTHORIZING THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD TO ASSIST WITH  
THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR TROPICAL DEPRESSION 4**

**WHEREAS:** On August 3, 2024, due to the forecasted negative impact of storm system Tropical Depression 4 (now Hurricane Debby) on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 08.03.24.01 declaring a State of Emergency for Tropical Depression 4; and

**WHEREAS:** The forecasted impacts of Hurricane Debby on the State of Georgia have worsened as the storm gains strength; and

**WHEREAS:** Assistance from the Georgia National Guard is necessary to provide for the public's safety and mitigate potential consequences of this severe storm system; and

**WHEREAS:** The Governor is vested with the emergency powers cited herein as the Chief Executive of this State; and

**WHEREAS:** As Chief Executive, the Governor is tasked with protecting the citizens of this State, including during a state of emergency; and

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

**WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-28 provides that "[a]ll orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Governor" have the force and effect of law; and

**WHEREAS:** In consultation with state emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

**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 two thousand (2,000) Georgia National Guard troops to be used in preparation, response, and recovery efforts associated with this State of Emergency for Tropical Depression 4.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**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 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.

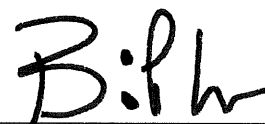
**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** All provisions of the Order shall become effective upon signature and shall remain effective until the State of Emergency for Tropical Depression 4 declared by Executive Order No. 08.03.24.01 expires or the provisions herein are otherwise terminated via subsequent Executive Order.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That this Order shall be effective upon signature.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.



---

GOVERNOR