



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT CARTER

- WHEREAS:** The nation and our state lost a great leader with the passing of President James Earl Carter, Jr. on December 29, 2024; and
- WHEREAS:** President Carter's final farewell will attract visitors, domestically and internationally, wishing to pay their respects and mourn with other likeminded individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** President Carter's hometown of Plains, Georgia is a rural community and the number of expected visitors during President Carter's final farewell will exceed the management capacity of the local governments; and
- WHEREAS:** The influx of persons to Plains, Georgia, and the surrounding communities, if not carefully curated with additional transportation and public safety personnel, will impact the citizens of Georgia living in or traveling through the area; 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 all resources of the state be made available to assist with the final farewell and interment of President Carter.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That a State of Emergency exists in Sumter County for the limited purpose of allowing state resources to meet the personnel and logistical challenges presented in executing President Carter's final farewell and interment.

IT IS FURTHER

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 President Carter.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency portion of this Executive Order shall be valid for a period of fourteen (14) days, beginning on December 29, 2024, and ending at 11:59 pm on January 12, 2025.

This 29th day of December 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hathaway". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

GOVERNOR