



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** On March 3, 2019, a severe weather system moved into the state of Georgia producing thunderstorms, excessive rainfall, and tornadoes; and
- WHEREAS:** This weather system resulted in substantial damage in Grady, Harris, and Talbot Counties; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to downed trees, power lines, and debris, Georgia's network of roads may be rendered impassable in many areas of the affected counties, isolating residences and persons from access to essential public services; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 affected counties; and
- WHEREAS:** Preliminary assessments from County Emergency Managers in conjunction with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency detail a need for assistance in the above-mentioned counties; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia law vests the Governor in O.C.G.A. § 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 THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency exists in Grady, Harris, and Talbot Counties.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the state be made available to assist in the ongoing response and recovery activities in the above-mentioned counties.

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ORDERED: That the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of five (5) days, beginning on March 4, 2019 and ending at 11:59 pm on March 9, 2019.

This Fourth day of March 2019 at 9:52 AM.



GOVERNOR