



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the importance of safeguarding the citizens of this State against the effects of natural disasters, emergencies, and the possibility of a threat or act of terrorism; and

WHEREAS: The coordination and control of the State's response to such events falls under the immediate authority and leadership of the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("the Director"); and

WHEREAS: It is essential that a unified command at the agency head level be established to coordinate the response to such events among the various participating units of state government to ensure that the State fulfills its appropriate role in a manner consistent with the best interests of the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: No existing organizational unit of state government is presently charged with the responsibility of such a unified command operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That there is hereby created and established the Emergency Operation Command, which shall operate as the central state governmental office for the protection of public safety, facilitation of law enforcement and coordination of state personnel in response to the effects of natural disasters, emergencies, and threats or acts of terrorism, which will be allocated and dispatched as necessary in response to such events.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Emergency Operation Command, as needed or otherwise required by the Director, report to the Governor, and shall consist of the following individuals: the Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, the Adjutant General, and such other persons as may be directed by the Governor or Director and as may be required by the nature and magnitude of the event. The Emergency Operation Command shall be activated at the discretion of the Director in consultation with the Governor. The Emergency Operation Command shall report to the Governor through the Director for all command decisions with the Governor having the final authority.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all State Boards, Departments, Agencies, Associations, Institutions, and Authorities shall cooperate fully with the Emergency Operation Command and the Director by providing any personnel, equipment, information, or any other assistance that may be requested by the Governor, the Director, or the Emergency Operation Command in order to coordinate all response efforts consistent with this Order and pursuant to further direction of the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Emergency Operation Command, by and through the Director, may enter into those agreements and memoranda of understanding as are necessary and proper to effectuate the actions called for pursuant to this Order.

This 24th day of January, 2011.



GOVERNOR