

# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

# BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia's current 9-1-1 funding model was created and

authorized by the Georgia General Assembly in 1977, at a time when most homes and businesses had land lines with several extensions:

and

WHEREAS: At the time of creation and authorization of the current 9-1-1

funding model, monthly 9-1-1 charges were billed to the home or business location where those land lines were installed, assuring each local jurisdiction of regular revenues from those residence or

business accounts located therein; and

WHEREAS: In 1977, the General Assembly set a cap of \$1.50 a month per phone

line for 9-1-1 services, which is still in place today; and

WHEREAS: Since 1977, the advent and exponential growth of cellular/wireless

telephone users created an enormously mobile customer base, forcing 9-1-1 call centers to handle an overwhelming number of 9-1-1 calls from mobile customers that cannot be billed on either a

month or per call basis; and

WHEREAS: This effect, combined with large commuter or visitor demand for 9-

1-1 services, leave large metropolitan centers like Atlanta and Savannah with no method to recover the costs of providing 9-1-1

services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

**Ordered:** The Governor's Commission on 9-1-1 System Modernization and

Balanced Funding Model is hereby created for the purpose of making recommendations for the updating of the 9-1-1 funding

model to reflect current and evolving technology.

# IT IS FURTHER

#### ORDERED:

That the Governor's Commission on 9-1-1 System Modernization and Balanced Funding Model shall be composed of eleven (11) members, to be appointed by the Governor.

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# **ORDERED:**

Of the eleven (11) members, one (1) member shall be from the Georgia Municipal Association, one (1) member shall be from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, one (1) member shall be from the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, one (1) member shall be from the Georgia Trauma Commission, one (1) member shall be from the Public Service Commission, one (1) member shall be from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, one (1) member shall be from the 9-1-1 Directors Association, one (1) member shall be from the City of Atlanta, one (1) member shall be from Gwinnett County, and two (2) members shall be at-large appointments.

## IT IS FURTHER

#### ORDERED:

Public meetings of the Governor's Commission on 9-1-1 System Modernization and Balanced Funding Model shall be scheduled and conducted as necessary and recommendations from the Commission shall be presented to the Governor's Office no later than January 7, 2013.

## IT IS FURTHER

### **ORDERED:**

That members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Commission. Such reimbursement shall be expended from funds appropriated to or otherwise available from the Office of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

This  $\mathcal{A}$  day of August, 2012.

GOVERNOR