



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On February 24, 2015, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, Walton, White, Whitfield Counties. On February 25, 2015, accumulated snowfall totals are expected to reach one to four inches from Heard to Morgan to Hart and all areas north with higher snowfall totals possible in Northeast Georgia. Ice formation is expected on roadways. Sustained wind speeds are forecast to be between 5 and 10 mph and gusts of 15 mph during the period;; and

WHEREAS: This Winter Storm has the potential to cause significant damages throughout this area. Furthermore, roads will be nearly, if not completely, impassable with the expected snow and ice formations; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the Government of the State of Georgia is necessary to implement protective measures to ensure the public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and to minimize the social and economic impacts of this event on the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and in conjunction with the authority vested in the Governor by virtue of Article 3, Section 38-3-

51, of the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, as amended, to promulgate reasonable orders, rules and regulations as are deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of the Governor:

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 for Disaster Preparedness exists for the State of Georgia for a period of one (1) day beginning at 2pm on February 25, 2015 and ending at 2pm on February 26, 2015 and that personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparedness, response, and recovery activities that may be necessary; and be further

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency for Disaster Preparedness exists throughout the State for counties projected to be impacted by the event and for all other counties that are anticipated to be involved in the preparation and response activities such as sheltering, evacuation or mutual aid; and be further

ORDERED: That the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security activates the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This 24th day of February, 2015 at 6:30 ~~AM~~/PM.



GOVERNOR