



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER


BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS: The simultaneous impacts of Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley create a threat of significant wind and flood damage and related evacuations and sheltering activities:
- WHEREAS: Said wind damage and flooding may cause destruction and damage to properties located in the affected areas; and
- WHEREAS: Evacuations may occur and sheltering activities may be necessary statewide; and
- WHEREAS: The potential stress of the foregoing creates opportunities for price-gouging, fraud and consumer abuse; and
- WHEREAS: The assistance of the government of the State of Georgia is necessary to protect the public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and the restore the social and economic welfare of the impacted counties; and
- WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and in conjunction with the authority vested in the Governor by virtue of the 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 the public health, safety and welfare, and to bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers the Governor;
- NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY
- ORDERED: That the State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia as a result of possible wind and flood damage, and necessary evacuation and sheltering activities and to prohibit possible price-gouging, fraud and consumer abuse, and that all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities and that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That because of the findings set out herein above, the state of emergency exists statewide for the period beginning 1:00 p.m. today up to midnight August 18, 2004 or until the end of an additional period of time as may be authorized by further Executive Order.

This 13th day of August 2004.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY