



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: As a result of the impact of Hurricane Charley in southern and southwestern Florida on August 13, 2004, Florida Executive Order 04-182 declared a state of emergency because of the devastating widespread damage and destruction; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States likewise declared this to be a federal disaster and assigned Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Number 1539-DR; and,

WHEREAS: The above mentioned Florida Order authorized and directed the Florida Department of Transportation in part, to waive the size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicle transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies and allowing the establishment of alternative size and weight restriction for all such vehicles for the duration of the emergency; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia wishes to implement a companion policy, authorizing the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety to issue permits to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and its contractors, exempting them from certain Georgia Transportation laws.

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

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Transportation shall issue and provide permits for vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies by or on behalf of the Florida Division of Emergency Management and its contractors. That a maximum gross vehicle weight of ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds on a five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailer for hauling emergency equipment, services and supplies shall be permitted to travel on all state maintained roadways unless it is a posted bridge. The outer bridge span of the five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailer shall not be less than fifty-one (51) feet, and the vehicle's overall length shall not exceed one hundred (100) feet or height of thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches. Anything greater than eight (8) feet, six (6) inches wide and less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet wide may travel during daylight hours only beginning thirty (30) minutes after sunrise; ending thirty (30) minutes before sunset. Transporters are responsible to ensure that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations.

(GDOT Rule 672-2-.06 and 672-2-.07). Permits shall be valid for a thirty (30) day period from the date of this order.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.

  
GOVERNOR