



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On March 1-2, 2007, a severe weather system moved into the state of Georgia producing severe thunderstorms resulting in excessive rain, hail and tornadoes which caused extensive damage in Baker, Clay, Columbus-Muscogee, Crawford, McDuffie, Mitchell, Stewart, Sumter, and Taylor Counties; 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 restore the social and economic welfare of these counties; and

**WHEREAS:** In light of these circumstances and 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 issue 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 exists in Baker, Clay, Columbus-Muscogee, Crawford, McDuffie, Mitchell, Stewart, Sumter, and Taylor Counties.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in the response and recovery activities currently being undertaken in the above mentioned counties, and that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

Any inconsistent prior order is hereby rescinded.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR