



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### REVISION OF OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY EXECUTIVE ORDER

- WHEREAS:** The Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) serves as the State Homeland Security Director (hereafter referred to as “the Director”); and
- WHEREAS:** The Director is the central authority reporting to the Governor on all matters relating to homeland security and is given command and control authority over all operational areas involving terrorist activity within the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The Director oversees all risk and threat assessments and coordinates all plans for timely and complete responses through a network of state, local, and federal organizations, including the coordination of efficient and timely flow of information; and
- WHEREAS:** The Director is responsible for crisis and consequence management planning, including measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat or act of terrorism; and
- WHEREAS:** The Director coordinates and reviews all activities involving homeland security, including the oversight of Homeland Security activities found in the Department of Public Safety, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Georgia National Guard, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, and any other state entity providing support to Homeland Security; and
- WHEREAS:** The Homeland Security Task Force reports directly to the Director and the Director serves as the Commander of the Homeland Security Central Command when activated by the Governor; and
- WHEREAS:** The Director is responsible for evaluating information developed by the criminal justice community in regard to threats or potential threats of terrorism.

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

- ORDERED:** That the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) shall be an “all-crimes” fusion center maintaining a terrorism analytical component and shall operate under the direction of the GBI Director.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the GBI Director thru GISAC shall share and provide homeland security and terrorist related information to the Director, including, but not limited to threats, warnings, and developing situations where an investigation reveals conduct is of a terrorist nature or is in material support to terrorist activities, recruitment of terrorists, and information on the activities of known terrorist organizations.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That GISAC will remain a multi-discipline public safety Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) or "fusion center"; membership including but not limited to the fire services, local law enforcement, homeland security, emergency management, corrections and other appropriate disciplines as determined by the Director in consultation with the GBI Director.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Director shall maintain GEMA/HS analysts as needed within the GISAC to liaise with GBI, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other local, state and federal intelligence officials.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the GISAC shall allow unrestricted access to secure communications equipment to the Director and representatives, with federally approved security clearances, utilized for dissemination of homeland security and terrorist information by the federal DHS.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Director shall serve as Georgia's Security Manager for the purpose of identifying and processing state personnel for federal DHS security clearances.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That the Director shall be vested with all the powers and authority set forth in the provisions of this Executive Order for the purpose of providing the State of Georgia with leadership and direction in the area of protecting the citizens of this state against the possibility of a threat or act of terrorism and retain the powers of command and control in the case of an actual act of terrorism.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

  
GOVERNOR