THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR
SEVERE FLOODING

WHEREAS: From Wednesday, November 4, through Thursday, November 5, 2026, heavy showers and thunderstorms moved over North Georgia, with some areas receiving up to ten inches of rainfall; and

WHEREAS: The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Warning for Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, and Union Counties on November 4, and subsequently issued Flash Flood Emergencies for portions of the affected areas later that evening and into the morning; and

WHEREAS: The Toccoa River reached historic flood levels early this morning, cresting at slightly over 18 feet; and

WHEREAS: Reports from local emergency management agencies and law enforcement indicate mudslides, water rescues, water entering homes, and evacuations along the Toccoa River; and

WHEREAS: On September 28, 2026, due to the petroleum supply disruptions and the resulting volatile prices for gas and diesel fuel, I issued Executive Order No. 09.28.26.01, which was amended on October 6, 2026, by Executive Order No. 10.06.26.01, and extended on October 24, 2026, by Executive Order No. 10.24.26.01; and

WHEREAS: This Order shall create a coexisting state of emergency in the State of Georgia with the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions described in the immediately preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS: Due to the severe flooding, assistance from the State of Georgia is necessary to provide for the public's safety, protect public and private property, and restore the social and economic welfare of the impacted areas; and

WHEREAS: The Governor is vested with the emergency powers cited herein as the Chief Executive of this State; and

WHEREAS: As Chief Executive, the Governor is tasked with declaring a state of emergency "[i]n the event of [an] actual or impending emergency or disaster of natural or human origin . . . within or affecting this [S]tate" under Code Section 38-3-51(a); and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(c) vests the Governor with the authority to bring emergency situations under control by issuing orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-28 provides that "[a]ll orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Governor" have the force and effect of law; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with state emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to protect the continued strength of Georgia's economy and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTIONS 38-3-28 AND 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency exists in the following Georgia counties due to severe flooding: Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, and Union Counties.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the State of Emergency declared by this Order shall coexist with the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions declared by Executive Order 09.28.26.01, amended by Executive Order 10.06.26.01, and extended by Executive Order 10.24.26.01. The existence or termination of one shall not impinge the others.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That any orders derivative of or appurtenant to this Order addressing this State of Emergency shall not infringe, overturn, or in any way amend any orders that have been issued for the purpose of responding to the State of Emergency for Petroleum Supply Disruptions declared by Executive Order 09.28.26.01, amended by

Executive Order 10.06.26.01, and extended by Executive Order 10.24.26.01.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparation, response, and recovery activities throughout the State, and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency shall activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and the Georgia State Operations Center.

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ORDERED: That state agencies shall coordinate all public and emergency information, activities, releases, and response efforts related to this emergency with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgia Department of Public Safety shall take all necessary action to ensure the expeditious movement of utility vehicles, equipment, and personnel through the State to eliminate power outages.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That state agencies shall provide sufficient personnel required for the staffing of the Georgia State Operations Center or other command, control, and coordination points as may be designated by the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and shall provide such personnel, vehicles, equipment, and other resources needed to protect life and property and to ensure continuation, restoration, and recovery of essential public services.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, pursuant to Code Section 10-1-393.4, price gouging related to goods and services necessary for preparation, response, and recovery activities for this State of Emergency, including water, motor fuel, diesel fuel, and other petroleum products, would be detrimental to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of this State and is therefore prohibited.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this Order does not suspend the operation of any state or federal law or regulation, except as specifically described herein.

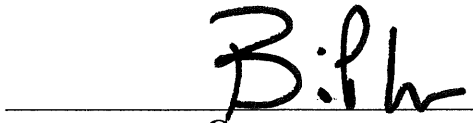
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ORDERED: That the Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

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ORDERED: That all provisions of the Order shall become effective upon signature and shall be valid for a period of seven (7) days, expiring Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 11:59 P.M. unless this State of Emergency is renewed by the Governor.

This 5th day of November 2026.



GOVERNOR