



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On February 15, 2015, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for Catoosa, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Rabun, Towns, Union, Walker, White, and Whitfield Counties. Accumulated snowfall totals are expected to reach up to 2 inches from Gilmer to Rabun and all areas in-between. Ice accumulations of one-tenth to one-quarter inch are expected from Dade and Walker Counties to Rabun and Habersham Counties and all areas in-between. Sustained wind speeds are forecast to be between 10 and 15 mph and gusts up to 20 mph during the period; and

WHEREAS: This Winter Storm has the potential to cause significant damages throughout this area to include a combination of ice accumulation and moderately high winds which will bring down a substantial amount of trees and power lines. Furthermore, roads in some areas may be nearly, if not completely, impassable with the expected snow and ice accumulations; and

WHEREAS: The assistance of the Government of the State of Georgia is necessary to implement protective measures to ensure the public health, preserve the safety of the public, keep property damage to a minimum and to minimize the social and economic impacts of this event on the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS: In light of these circumstances and in conjunction 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 promulgate 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 for Disaster Preparedness exists for the State of Georgia for a period of 2 days until February 17, 2015 and that personnel and equipment resources of the State of Georgia be made available to assist in preparedness, response, and recovery activities that may be necessary; and be further

ORDERED: That a State of Emergency for Disaster Preparedness exists throughout the State for counties projected to be impacted by the event and for all other counties that are anticipated to be involved in the preparation and response activities such as sheltering, evacuation or mutual aid; and be further

ORDERED: That the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security activates the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan.

This 15 day of February, 2015 at 6:30 AM/PM.



GOVERNOR