



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **DESIGNATION OF AUXILIARY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKERS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- WHEREAS:** On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** On April 8, 2020 I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(c)(4) vests the Governor with the power to perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(d)(1) vests the Governor with the power to suspend any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster; and
- WHEREAS:** Healthcare institutions and facilities require additional flexibility to provide the critical assistance and care needed by this state during this unprecedented emergency.

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

**ORDERED:** That employees, staff, and contractors of healthcare institutions and medical facilities shall be considered auxiliary emergency management workers pursuant to Code Section 38-3-35. This provision shall only apply to employees, staff, and contractors of healthcare institutions and medical facilities defined by Code Sections 31-7-1(4)(A), 31-7-1(4)(C)-(G), and 31-7-1(5) and where services are provided or performed during the Public Health State of Emergency.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That during the Public Health State of Emergency, services provided or performed by healthcare institutions and medical facilities as defined by Code Sections 31-7-1(4)(A), 31-7-1(4)(C)-(G), and 31-7-1(5) shall be considered emergency management activities pursuant to Code Section 38-3-35.

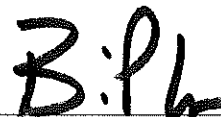
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**ORDERED:** That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability 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:** All provisions of the Order shall become effective upon signature and shall expire at the conclusion of the Public Health State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 03.14.20.01 and renewed by Executive Order 04.08.20.02. If the Public Health State of Emergency is renewed, this Order shall carry forward with the Public Health State of Emergency until such state of emergency is terminated or ceases to be renewed by the Governor.

This 14th day of April 2020, at 2:25 P.M.



GOVERNOR