BY THE GOVERNOR:

EXPANDING STATE OF EMERGENCY AHEAD OF HURRICANE DORIAN

WHEREAS: The National Hurricane Center forecasts Hurricane Dorian will produce excessive rainfall and damaging winds, causing extensive flooding, fallen trees, and power outages in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: This storm system has the potential to produce catastrophic impacts to citizens throughout the southeast region of the United States, including the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Due to downed trees, power lines, and debris, Georgia’s network of roads may be rendered impassible in the affected counties, isolating residences and persons from access to essential public services; and

WHEREAS: Assistance from the state of Georgia is necessary to provide for public safety, protect private property, and restore the social and economic welfare of the affected counties; and

WHEREAS: Georgia law vests the Governor in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51 with the authority to bring emergencies under control by issuing orders, rules, and regulations to protect the safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS: On August 29, 2019, a State of Emergency was declared in twelve (12) Georgia counties: Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, and Wayne.

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

ORDERED: The State of Emergency declared on August 29, 2019, as defined by O.C.G.A. § 38-3-3, is hereby expanded and declared to exist in the following nine (9) Georgia counties:

Appling, Bacon, Bulloch, Clinch, Echols, Evans, Screven, Tattnall, and Ware.
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 affected area, and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency activate the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan for the aforementioned counties.

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ORDERED: That during preparation, response, and recovery activities for Hurricane Dorian, price gouging of goods and services necessary to support these efforts would be detrimental to the social and economic welfare of the citizens of this state, and thus O.C.G.A. § 10-1-393.4, prohibiting price gouging, remains in effect and is extended to the additional counties mentioned above.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of five (5) days, beginning on September 4, 2019, and ending at 11:59 PM on September 9, 2019.

This 4TH day of September 2019, at 5:32 AM.

Governor