



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, confers upon the Governor of the State of Alabama the power to issue a State of Emergency when there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by natural or man-made disasters;

WHEREAS, the current predictions of the National Weather Service demonstrate the potential for the State of Alabama to be severely affected by ice, snow, sleet, as well as extreme and prolonged subfreezing temperatures beginning on January 28, 2014;

WHEREAS, damage is predicted to occur on public and private property;

WHEREAS, it is possible that homes and businesses will be damaged, disruption of utilities will occur and response and recovery efforts and activities must begin and continue;

WHEREAS, the potential for loss of life, injuries, and property damage exists;

WHEREAS, disruption of essential utility systems may cause extreme peril to the citizens in the state; and

WHEREAS, all of the above could adversely affect the health, safety, and economy of the people of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama and direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes. In addition, I direct that the appropriate state agencies exercise their statutory authority to assist the communities and entities affected. I also direct the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to make the appropriate assessments of damages and seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

FURTHER, in accordance with the Code of Alabama (1975), Sections 8-31-1 through 8-31-6, I hereby place all persons on notice that it is unlawful for any person within the State of Alabama to impose unconscionable prices for the sale or rental of any commodity or rental facility during the period of a declared State of Emergency.

FURTHER, the local authorities should make the decision to close any school or office, and any affected school system that is closed as a result and loses student days or employee days, or both, may appeal to the State Superintendent of Education for relief in fulfilling the local school calendar with respect to student days or employee days, or both with no loss of income to employees.

FURTHER, this State of Emergency is effective on January 28th, 2014, at 6:00 a.m. CT, and shall continue until amended or terminated by the Governor or by law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 27th day of January 2014.

Robert Bentley

Robert Bentley
Governor

ATTEST:

Jim Bennett

Jim Bennett
Secretary of State