

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2019, I proclaimed a State of Emergency within the State of Alabama in anticipation of severe weather, including flooding, tornadoes, and high winds, for the following counties: Blount, Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, Walker, and Winston;

WHEREAS other counties have been impacted by flooding from this severe weather event and should be included in the coverage area of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS numerous homes and businesses have been damaged or destroyed, disruption of utilities has occurred, and recovery efforts and activities must begin and continue;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to section 8 of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code 31-9-8 (1975), and upon recommendation of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant expanding the coverage area of the State of Emergency proclaimed on February 23, 2019, to include any and all other counties impacted by flooding caused by this severe weather event, effective as of that date.

FURTHER, I proclaim that it is fair, reasonable, and appropriate that those State of Alabama employees who are required to perform disaster recovery and response services away from their home base of operation be reimbursed for the actual expenses they incur while performing these services on behalf of the State of Alabama. Therefore, I authorize and direct the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, as prescribed by the FPPM, for state employees who have been, are being, or may be called to service away from their home base during this State of Emergency. All such claims for expense reimbursement must be reasonable and must be certified as such by the claiming employee, according to applicable law, and must be approved by the employee's department head or appointing authority. To the extent that this order conflicts with any provision of state law, such law is hereby suspended for the duration of this State of Emergency, and this order shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this Proclamation is supplemental to my proclamation of February 23, 2019, and the State of Emergency I declared thereby shall remain in full force and effect for 60 days from the date thereof, unless otherwise terminated or extended by proclamation of the Governor.

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 February, 2019.



John H. Merrill Secretary of State