



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, confers upon the Governor the power to proclaim a State of Emergency when there exist certain conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by natural or man-made disasters, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-3 and 31-9-8 (1975);

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, an accident occurred in the southbound lanes of I-59 at the County Road 140 overpass bridge (Exit 239) in DeKalb County which badly damaged the bridge;

WHEREAS the Alabama Department of Transportation has closed the southbound lanes of I-59 due to this accident, leaving only the northbound lanes open;

WHEREAS I-59 is a principal thoroughfare and part of a vital interstate transportation link affecting the State as well as the Nation;

WHEREAS immediate action is required to keep the interstate system open and to protect the traveling public; and

WHEREAS the damage and disruption to I-59 is so great that an effective response is beyond the capabilities of state and local governments and that it requires federal assistance;

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), do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in DeKalb County, Alabama, as of May 29, 2019, and direct the activation of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes. In addition, I direct the Alabama Department of Transportation to conduct the appropriate assessments to estimate the extent of the damage and its impact on individuals and public facilities and to seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas. I also direct the Alabama Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and other support agencies identified in the EOP to ensure the availability of routes for transporting supplies and equipment to support emergency operations in the affected area.

FURTHER, I declare that this Proclamation, and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto, shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this State of Emergency, except as otherwise expressly specified.

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 25 day of July, 2019.

Handwritten signature of Kay Ivey in black ink.

Kay Ivey  
Governor



ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of John H. Merrill in black ink.

John H. Merrill  
Secretary of State