STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS a State of Emergency was proclaimed to exist in the State of Alabama as of March 20, 2018, due to tornadoes, storms, and severe weather;

WHEREAS numerous homes and businesses have been damaged, disruption of utilities has occurred, and restoration efforts must continue;

WHEREAS the President of the United States declared on April 26, 2018, that a major disaster exists in the State of Alabama as a result of the damage caused by this severe weather and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and tornadoes during the period of March 19-20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of responding to and recovering from this emergency, I have determined that it is fair, reasonable, and appropriate that those State of Alabama employees who are required to perform emergency recovery and response services away from their home base of operation be reimbursed for their expenses, including, but not limited to, lodging and meals, which are incurred by them while performing these services on behalf of the State of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim, by the authority of sections 31-9-6, 31-9-8, and 31-9-13 of the Code of Alabama, that the State of Emergency proclaimed on March 20, 2018, is renewed and extended until terminated by proclamation of the Governor or 60 days from the date of this Proclamation, whichever is earlier.

FURTHER BE IT ORDERED that the per diem reimbursement rate for State employees who have been, are being, or may be called to service away from their home base of employment during and for this State of Emergency shall be the current in-State meal and lodging rates set by the U.S. General Services Administration for Alabama, found at https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates, and all such expense claims must be reasonable and must be certified, according to applicable law, by the claiming employee as such and must be approved by the employee’s department head or appointing authority. To the extent that the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Code of Alabama are inconsistent with this order, such provisions are hereby suspended for the duration of this State of Emergency.

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 30th day of April, 2018.

Kay Ivey
Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill
Secretary of State