



# STATE OF ALABAMA

# PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, a State of Emergency has been declared to exist in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas due to the damage expected to be suffered because of Hurricane "Ike"; and

**WHEREAS**, many counties and individuals in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are expected to experience damage to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals in these states may suffer physical injury or death and the disruption of essential utility systems may occur causing extreme peril to the citizens of these states; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the above will adversely affect the public health, safety, and economy of the people in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions in these states, which will likely result from Hurricane Ike, now require, and will continue to require, a massive public and private response to provide immediate emergency assistance and continuing emergency relief to individual persons, businesses, as well as federal, state, and local governmental units; and

**WHEREAS**, such massive public and private relief response requires the transportation for food, supplies, tools, equipment, medicine, public and private health care, law enforcement, security services, public utility services, sanitation and waste disposal, cleanup of debris, property restoration and reconstruction, and other necessities, which threatens to overload the available transportation systems to, from, and within these states; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and welfare to the inhabitants of these states require the operation of various motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, commercial carriers, into, through, and within the State of Alabama to bring much needed relief to the victims of this natural disaster.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bob Riley, do hereby instruct the appropriate Alabama state agencies to exercise their statutory authority to assist the entities affected in recovery from the damage caused by Hurricane Ike, and I further instruct this state to take the necessary steps and issue the appropriate documents to expedite the movement of vehicles or vehicles and loads that are transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies, tree and debris removal equipment, damaged timber, storm-related debris, building and construction materials, or temporary emergency buildings and their components.

**BE IT ORDERED** that these documents shall be subject to approval and clearance by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Public Safety and shall cover specific designated state routes. Transporters are responsible to ensure that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the State of Alabama's rules and regulations. Insurance and safety requirements shall not be waived. The weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of Alabama shall not exceed the following:

- A. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

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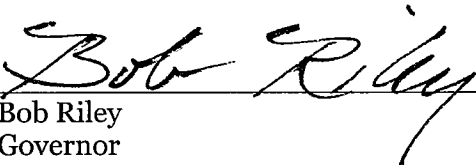
- B. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.
- C. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the State of Alabama hereby waives the requirements associated with the International Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreement for any motor vehicle engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts in the State of Alabama or traveling through the State of Alabama as part of the disaster relief efforts in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle to operate in the State of Alabama without valid registration and insurance from its base state, nor shall anything in this Proclamation be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Proclamation be construed to relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Proclamation, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to construction and building projects that are not in support of Hurricane Ike recovery and repair efforts. **Likewise, nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle subject to these waivers to travel on the interstate highways that would otherwise be prohibited from doing so.** This order is effective for a 30-day period from the date of this proclamation.



**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 16th day of September 2008.

  
Bob Riley  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Beth Chapman  
Secretary of State