

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared in the State of Alabama due to the damage suffered because of the recent storms;

WHEREAS, many counties and individuals in the State of Alabama have experienced damage to public and private property;

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

WHEREAS, all of the above will adversely affect the public health, safety, and economy of the people in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS, the conditions of the state, which will likely result from the recent storms, 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;

WHEREAS, such massive public and private relief response require 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 the state; and,

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare to the inhabitants of the state requires 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, Robert Bentley, 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 the recent storms, 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.

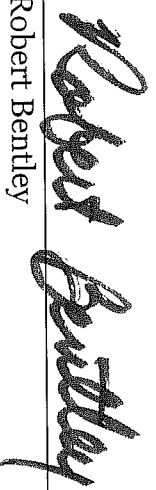
BE IT ORDERED that these documents shall be subject to approval and clearance by the Alabama Department of Revenue and shall cover specific designated state routes. Transporters are responsible to ensure that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the State of Alabama's rules and regulations. Insurance and safety requirements shall not be waived.

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.

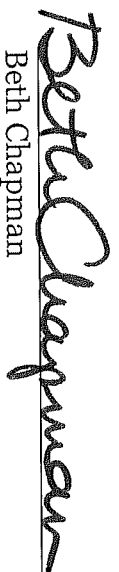
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle to operate in the State of Alabama without valid registration and insurance from its base. Nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to construction and building projects that are not in support of storm 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 60-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 the 18th day of May 2011.


Robert Bentley
Governor

Attested


Beth Chapman
Secretary of State