

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM**

**RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING A DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO TROPICAL STORM DEBBY**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby is forecast to impact Chatham County on Monday, August 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County, Georgia has the potential to experience an event of critical significance as a result of Tropical Storm Debby beginning as early as August 5, 2024;

WHEREAS, the storm is forecasted to produce unprecedented rainfall creating extensive flooding in Chatham County;

WHEREAS, the storm has the potential to produce severe impacts to the citizens throughout Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, under §4-310(1)(a) the Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is vested with the emergency powers as the Chief Executive of this County; and

WHEREAS, As Chief Executive Officer, the Chairman is tasked with protecting the citizens of this County, including during a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, there will exist emergency circumstances located within Chatham County requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective or preventative actions to provide for the protection of health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County to include individuals with household pets and service animals;

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law,

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a State of Emergency exists throughout Chatham County due to the potential negative impacts from Tropical Storm Debby.

FURTHER IT IS ORDERED:

1. All resources of the County and Municipal governments in Chatham County be made available to assist in preparation, response and recovery activities throughout the affected areas and pursuant to §4-310(1)(d)(1), the Chatham Emergency Management Agency shall activate the County Emergency Operations Plan.
2. That County and Municipal entities shall coordinate public and emergency information, activities, releases and response efforts related to this emergency event with the Chatham Emergency Management Agency.
3. That County and Municipal entities shall provide adequate staffing to support the County's Emergency Operations Center or other command, control and coordination points as may be

designated by the Director of the Chatham Emergency Management Agency and shall provide such personnel, vehicles, equipment and other resources needed to protect life and property, and to ensure continuation, restoration and recovery of essential public services.

4. The emergency provisions as defined by §4-310 shall be in force.
5. The following paragraphs of the Chatham County Code, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 1, shall also be implemented:
 1. §4-311 Overcharging Prohibited;
 2. §4-312 Zoning Regulations Suspended;
 3. §4-313 Emergency Business License;
 4. §4-314 Registration of Building and Repair Services; and
 5. §4-315 Closed or Restricted Area and Curfew during Emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Chatham County Code, Chapter 4, Article III, Section 2, Enforcement and Remedies shall be implemented which includes:

1. Law Enforcement;
2. Penalties;
3. Injunctive Relief; and
4. Liberality of Construction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all provisions of the Order shall become effective upon signature and shall be valid for a period of five (5) days, expiring Friday, August 9, 2024 at 11:29 PM, unless the Local State of Emergency is renewed by the Chairman.

So resolved this the 4th of August, 2024 at 12:00 PM.



Chester A Ellis, Chairman
Chairman County Board of Commissioners

Witnessed by:



County Attorney's Office



Janice Bocook, Clerk of Commission
(seal)

