THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

TERMINATING THE TEMPORARILY INCREASED WEIGHT LIMITS FOR VEHICLES PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF AND/OR PREPARATION

WHEREAS: On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS: On April 8, 2020 I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and

WHEREAS: On April 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until June 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On May 28, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until July 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 05.28.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On June 29, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until August 11, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 06.29.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On July 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until September 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 07.31.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On August 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until October 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 08.31.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On September 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until November 9, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 09.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: Executive Order 03.14.20.01 provided for increased weight, height, and length limits for vehicles traveling through the State of Georgia for the purposes of providing disaster relief and/or preparation which traverse roadways maintained by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The increased weight, height, and length limits for said vehicles are no longer necessary to ensure that the State can properly respond to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(c)(4) vests the Governor with the power to perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(d)(1) vests the Governor with the power to suspend any statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with public health and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following action is necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the following provision of Executive Order 03.14.20.01 is hereby terminated and rescinded:

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That weight, height, and length for any such vehicle traveling through the State of Georgia for the purposes of providing disaster relief and/or preparation, which traverses roadways maintained by the State of Georgia, shall not exceed the following:

(1) A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight bearing axles, with an outer bridge span of not less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of ninety-five (95) thousand pounds, a maximum width of ten (10) feet and an overall length of one hundred (100) feet. Continuous travel is authorized, with the proper escorts.

(2) If the width of said vehicle exceeds eight (8) feet six (6) inches ad is traveling after daylight, defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, the transporter is required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a two lane roadway and a vehicle rear escort when traveling on a four lane highway. Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as defined in the Georgia Department of Transportation Rules and Regulations."

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this Order shall be effective upon signature.

This 15th day of October 2020, at 4:24 A.M./(P.M.)

B. Kemp

GOVERNOR