



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955 confers upon the Governor the power to proclaim a state of emergency when a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred or is reasonably anticipated in the immediate future, *see* Ala. Code § 31-9-8;

WHEREAS the National Weather Service is forecasting a severe weather event for certain coastal and central counties within the State of Alabama, with significant potential for strong winds, flooding, and tornadoes due to Tropical Storm Isaias, beginning in the evening hours of Friday, October 9, 2026;

WHEREAS this severe weather event could cause significant damage to public and private property and poses a danger to the health and safety of the people of Alabama, including potential disruption of essential utility systems, personal injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS this severe weather event poses extraordinary conditions of disaster and of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State, and these conditions, by reason of their magnitude, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city, and will require combined forces to combat, *see* Ala. Code § 31-9-3;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1 *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists for the following counties effective as of 4:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, October 7, 2026: Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Chilton, Clarke, Choctaw, Coffee, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Escambia, Geneva, Greene, Hale, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Washington, and Wilcox. I hereby direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan and all appropriate annexes for purposes of the State's response to this severe weather event.

FURTHER, I hereby proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Activation of the Alabama National Guard and other state agencies

I hereby direct the Alabama National Guard to prepare to be activated on order of the Governor to respond to this severe weather event, and I direct the appropriate state agencies to exercise their statutory and regulatory authority to assist the affected communities and entities in responding to and recovering from this event. I also direct the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to make the appropriate assessment of damages from this event and seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

II. Price gouging

In accordance with the Alabama Unconscionable Pricing Act, notice is hereby given that, in the counties expressly identified above, it is unlawful for any person or entity to impose unconscionable prices (*i.e.*, to engage in "price gouging") for the sale or rental of any commodity, the rental of any facility, or the provision of any service during the period of a declared state of emergency. *See* Ala. Code §§ 8-31-1 *et seq.*

III. Waiver of federal motor-carrier regulations

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, this declaration of a state of emergency facilitates a waiver of certain regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), including 49 C.F.R. Part 395 (Hours of Service for Drivers), as it relates to the provision of emergency- or disaster-related materials, supplies, goods, and services for this severe weather event. The waiver for this event shall terminate at the earliest of (1) the conclusion of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief; (2) 30 days from the initial declaration of emergency; (3) the termination of this state of emergency; or (4) any other time dictated by the FMCSA's regulations. Motor carriers that have an out-of-service order in effect may not take advantage of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides under 49 C.F.R. § 390.23.

IV. Transportation of emergency equipment, supplies, etc.

I instruct the appropriate agencies to take 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, storm-related debris, building and construction materials, or temporary emergency buildings and their components, subject to the following rules:

- A. The documents shall be subject to approval and clearance by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and shall cover specific designated state routes.
- B. The director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, or his designee, may issue waivers for vehicles or combinations of vehicles and loads, whether those loads are divisible or non-divisible, with weights, dimensions, or combinations thereof exceeding the maximum limits specified by law.
- C. 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.
- D. Insurance requirements shall not be waived.
- E. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed the 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.

V. State government office closures

State and local agency heads are authorized to make office closure determinations based on local weather conditions. This authority should be exercised judiciously, taking into account the level of risk posed by severe weather in the locality.

VI. School closures

The local educational authorities may close any school or office based on local conditions, and any affected school system that is closed as a result and loses student days or employment days, or both, may appeal to the State Superintendent of Education for relief in fulfilling the local school calendar with respect to student days or employee days, or both, with no loss of income to employees.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Act, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation, and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto, shall remain in full force and effect for a period of seven days, expiring Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., unless a different expiration time is prescribed by proclamation. Based on all available information, I have concluded that the conditions qualifying as a state of emergency will no longer exist in the State of Alabama as of

the time set forth in this paragraph; however, I reserve the right to extend the emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management Act as conditions warrant.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this 7th day of October 2026.



Kay Ivey

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Governor

ATTEST:

Wes Allen

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Secretary of State