



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The Group of Eight (G-8) Summit will be held in Sea Island, Georgia in June 2004; and

WHEREAS: Considerable effort has been made for the planning of law enforcement which must be provided by numerous entities, including the State of Georgia, for the protection of governmental officials, diplomats, journalists, other visitors, and the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS: It is now essential that a central command be established to coordinate law enforcement operations for the G-8 Summit by the State of Georgia and among the various participating units of state government, to ensure that the state fulfills its appropriate role in a manner consistent with the best interests of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: No existing organizational unit of state government is presently charged with the responsibility of such a central command operation; and

WHEREAS: The advent of the G-8 Summit in Sea Island, Georgia will bring to the region a number of government officials, diplomats, journalists, other visitors, and the citizens of this state to prepare for and engage in the events surrounding the G-8 Summit, during the period beginning May 24, 2004 up to and through June 20, 2004 or until the end of an additional period of time as may be authorized by further Executive Order; and

WHEREAS: That because of events surrounding the G-8 Summit, there exists a potential danger to the persons and property of this state from unlawful assemblages, threats of violence, and otherwise,

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That there is hereby created and established the G-8 Public Safety Command, which shall be attached to the Office of Planning and Budget for administrative purposes only as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-4-3, and which shall operate as the central state governmental office for the protection of public safety, facilitation of law enforcement and for the

coordination of state personnel which will be allocated and dispatched to provide necessary security for the G-8 Summit.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the G-8 Public Safety Command report to the Governor, and be directed by the following five individuals: The Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Adjutant General, and the Department of Human Resources Director of Public Health who shall comprise the Unified Command for the G-8 Public Safety Command. The Unified Command shall report to the Governor through the Executive Commander for all command decisions from the date of this Order through the conclusion of all events associated with the G-8 Summit, with the Governor having the final authority.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Executive Commander of the G-8 Law Enforcement Command shall be the Governor's Director of Homeland Security. The Executive Commander may appoint such additional staff as may be required, upon the approval of the Governor. Such additional staff who are not personnel provided to the office by other state agencies or departments in accordance with the Order shall be in the unclassified service of the State Merit System.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all State Boards, Departments, Agencies, Associations, Institutions, and Authorities shall cooperate fully with the G-8 Law Enforcement Command, including the Executive Commander and the Unified Command, by providing any personnel, equipment, information, or any other assistance that may be requested by the Governor, the Executive Commander, or the Unified Command in order to coordinate public safety and law enforcement operations for the G-8 Summit consistent with this Order and pursuant to further direction of the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all interagency and intergovernmental plans, policies and procedures, including those of affected local governments and the federal government, be incorporated into the State Operations Plan under the direction and authority of the Executive Commander.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That any employee of a State Board, Department, Agency, Council, Association, Institution, and Authority who is requested to participate in the state law enforcement operation for the G-8 Summit as required by the Governor, the Executive Commander, or the Unified Command of the

G-8 Public Safety Command shall continue to receive his or her regular salary to be paid by his or her regular employer.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-3-8.1, the Director of Investigation and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation shall render such aid and assistance in the prevention or detection of violations of the law, or in the detection or apprehension of persons violating the criminal laws of this state, any other state or the United States, as shall be required by the circumstances during the G-8 Summit, including but not limited to the authority to appoint such number of Temporary Special Agents as the Director of Investigation deems appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Conservation Rangers and Deputy Conservation Rangers employed by the Department of Natural Resources are ordered, during the State of Emergency existing during the G-8 Summit, to enforce the laws of this state pursuant to O.C.G.A. §27-1-18(a)(4) and to protect any life or property when the circumstances demand action and they shall, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §27-1-18(b), be authorized and directed by the Commissioner of Natural Resources to cooperate with and render assistance to any law enforcement agency of this state or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof in any criminal case, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, or in the apprehension or arrest of persons who violate the criminal laws of this state, any other state, or the United States.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-9-15, the chief executive officer of any agency of the state whose employees are authorized to enforce the laws of this state is authorized to appoint such law enforcement officers of the United States or of other states as law enforcement officers of this state for the purpose of providing mutual assistance in the enforcement of the laws of this state or of the United States during the period covered by this Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That because of the findings set out herein above, a state of emergency will exist in the counties of Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Glynn and Camden for the period beginning May 24, 2004 up to and through June 20, 2004 or until the end of an additional period of time as may be authorized by further Executive Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Georgia by O.C.G.A. §§ 45-12-29 through 45-12-31, and 38-2-6, I hereby

order into active service pursuant to Title 32 of the United States Code or into active service of the state pursuant to appropriate state statutes for the period extending from May 24, 2004 up to and through June 20, 2004, or until the end of an additional period of time as may be authorized by further Executive Order certain state members of the National Guard, as identified by the Georgia Department of Defense, to address those conditions giving rise to the state of emergency declared herein, as directed by the G-8 Law Enforcement Command Post and the Adjutant General.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the impending nature of the emergency declared herein, the G-8 Public Safety Command, by and through its Executive Commander, may enter into those agreements and memoranda of understanding as are necessary and proper to effectuate the actions called for in this or any future Executive Order regarding the G-8 Summit.

This 7th day of May 2004.


GOVERNOR