



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** Over the preceding six months, many areas of the state of Georgia have experienced significant drought conditions; and
- WHEREAS:** There have been numerous instances of uncontrolled fires that seriously threaten the welfare of citizens of this state; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division declared a drought response for multiple counties and is currently monitoring conditions for any updated response; and
- WHEREAS:** O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2 provides for the sale and use of fireworks in this state and specifically provides that the Governor may enact restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks whenever the Governor issues a declaration of drought; and
- WHEREAS:** For the purposes of O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2(b)(3)(E), a drought is hereby declared for the following counties: Baker, Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Calhoun, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dooly, Dougherty, Douglas, Early, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Glasscock, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Lee, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Macon, Madison, Marion, McDuffie, Meriwether, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Morgan, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Rabun, Randolph, Richmond, Rockdale, Schley, Seminole, Spalding, Stephens, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Terrell, Towns, Troup, Twiggs, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, Warren, Washington, Webster, White, Whitfield, Wilkes, and Wilkinson Counties.

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

- ORDERED:** That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2(b)(3)(E), the ignition of any consumer firework within the boundaries of the counties specified in this drought declaration is hereby **BANNED** for so long as this declaration of drought remains in effect.

This 14th day of November, 2016.


GOVERNOR