

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY
GEORGIA**

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W. Spencer Lee, IV**

**Christopher S. Cohilas
Chairman**

Executive Order Declaring State of Emergency

BY THE CHAIRMAN:

WHEREAS, as of October 9, 2018, Hurricane Michael is approaching the Florida Coast;

WHEREAS, the chance of direct impact is increasing in portions of Southwest Georgia, and Albany, Dougherty County.

WHEREAS, the current weather predictions from the National Hurricane Center indicate that Dougherty County is within a geographic area designated as being a Moderate Risk for multiple hazards including, potentially producing excessive rainfall of 4 to 8 inches and damaging winds (possibly up to 90 mph), large hail and possible isolated tornados. Widespread power outages, major tree damage and structural damage may occur along the path of Michael inland from where it makes landfall on the Florida Panhandle. After landfall, Michael will accelerate inland across the southeastern U.S. Wednesday night, October 10 through Thursday night, October 11, 2018;

WHEREAS, Dougherty County experienced two devastating presidentially declared major natural disasters on January 2 and January 22, 2017 ("the January Disasters");

WHEREAS, Dougherty County is still recovering from the January Disasters;

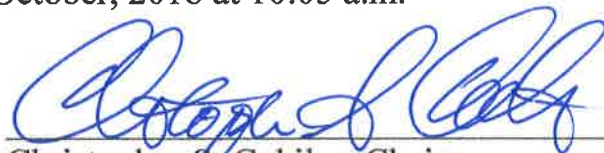
WHEREAS, in preparation ahead of the threat for severe weather in South Georgia, Dougherty County must make every effort to be prepared to protect the essential needs of the public and;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Chairman for the County of Dougherty hereby declares that a Local State of Emergency Exists.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. That the County of Dougherty Activate the County Emergency Operations Plan, and;
2. That the Emergency Operations Ordinances adopted by the Dougherty County Commission be operative;
3. That the Emergency Management Director for Dougherty County and/or his/her designee is authorized to, within his discretion to open and operate the Emergency Operations Center;
4. That the Emergency Management Director for the Dougherty County Emergency Management Agency request all necessary relief from the State of Georgia as he/she deems appropriate to preserve the life, property, and the general welfare of the citizens of Dougherty County.
5. This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of seven days, beginning on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. and ending on October 20, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of October, 2018 at 10:05 a.m.



Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman
Dougherty County Board of Commissioners