



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama is under imminent threat of Tropical Storm Isaac;

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Isaac is expected to become Hurricane Isaac sometime Monday afternoon;

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that many counties and individuals will experience damage to public and private property;

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that individuals will be exposed to physical injury or death;

**WHEREAS**, disruption of essential utility services and systems may occur causing extreme peril to the citizens in the state;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama is under imminent threat of increased rain activity and storm surge to include the possibility of flooding and isolated tornadoes, which is expected to increase dramatically over the next 72 hours;

**WHEREAS**, the current track of the storm and the reported strength of the storm indicate that Hurricane Isaac will make landfall in Mobile and Baldwin Counties;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the imminent danger to the citizens of Mobile and Baldwin Counties living in Evacuation Zones One (1) and Two (2) in each of the counties and in low lying, flood prone areas, mobile/manufactured homes, and at the request of the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency and Mobile and Baldwin Emergency Management officials, I deem that a mandatory evacuation order is both reasonable and necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the above could cause extreme peril to the health, safety, and economy of the people of the state;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that these damages, by reason of their magnitude, are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city and county, or any city and expect that it will require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to alleviate the adverse affects to the health, safety, and economy of the state.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to § 31-9-1, et seq. *Code of Alabama* (1975), as amended, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama and direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes. In addition, I direct the appropriate state agencies to exercise their statutory authority to assist the communities and entities affected. I also direct the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to make the appropriate assessments of damages and seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

**FURTHER**, I do hereby order the mandatory evacuation of all persons in Mobile and Baldwin Counties living in Evacuation Zones One (1) and Two (2) and in low lying, flood prone areas, mobile/manufactured homes, to begin Monday, August 27, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. CST.

**FURTHER**, any facility and personnel needed to ensure the public health and safety of citizens in Mobile and Baldwin Counties are excluded from this mandatory evacuation.

**FURTHER**, I hereby designate the Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, or his designee, as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and as my Authorized Representative. In exercising his powers delegated by this Proclamation, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. I hereby give the State Coordinating Officer the authority to coordinate and direct all state and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement to identify personnel needed from those

agencies to assist in meeting the needs of the citizens created by this emergency, and to place all personnel under the command of the State Coordinating Officer, if requested by him, to respond to this emergency.

**FURTHER**, in accordance with the *Code of Alabama* (1975), Sections 8-31-1 through 8-31-6, I hereby place all persons on notice that it is unlawful for any person within the State of Alabama to impose unconscionable prices for the sale or rental of any commodity or rental facility during the period of a declared State of Emergency.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

*Robert Bentley*

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Governor

ATTEST:

*Beth Chapman*

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Secretary of State