



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, confers upon the Governor of the State of Alabama the power to issue a State of Emergency when there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State caused by natural or man-made disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama is under imminent threat of a tropical system, namely "Tropical Storm Karen" which may increase intensity and become a hurricane prior to landfall;

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Karen is expected to make landfall somewhere between the Louisiana and Alabama gulf coast and is expected to produce large accumulations of rain, increased wind speeds, increased amounts of storm surge and dangerous rip currents;

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that many counties and individuals will experience damage to public and private property, that individuals may be exposed to physical injury or possibly death and that the 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, isolated tornadoes, and beach erosion, which is expected to increase dramatically over the next 72 hours; and,

**WHEREAS**, the above could cause extreme peril to the health, safety, and economy of the people of the state and that the possible damages, by reason of their magnitude, could be 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 effects to the health, safety and economy of the state.

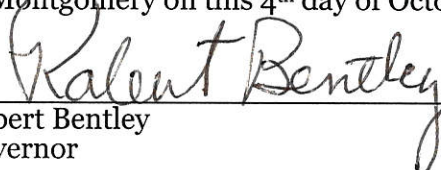
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to § 31-9-1, et seq. Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Alabama and direct the activation of the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all appropriate annexes, including but not limited to, activation of appropriate field division offices (Annex K). In addition, I direct the appropriate state agencies 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 hereby designate the Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, or his designee, as the State Coordinating Officer and as the Governor's Authorized Representative for the duration of this emergency. In exercising his powers delegated by this Proclamation, the Governor's Authorized Representative shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. I hereby give the Governor's Authorized Representative the authority to coordinate and direct all state and local governmental emergency management activities.

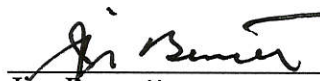
**FURTHER**, in accordance with the Code of Alabama (1975), Sections 8-31-1 through 8-31-6, I hereby place all persons on notice that it is unlawful for any person within the State of Alabama to impose unconscionable prices for the sale or rental of any commodity or rental facility during the period 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

  
Robert Bentley  
Governor

Attested

  
Jim Bennett  
Secretary of State