



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2015, I proclaimed that a State of Emergency existed in the State of Alabama as a result of the imminent threat from severe winter weather (the "Severe Winter Weather");

**WHEREAS**, the Severe Winter Weather has caused and continues to cause, extreme delays in the transportation of chickens and feed in the poultry industry within the State;

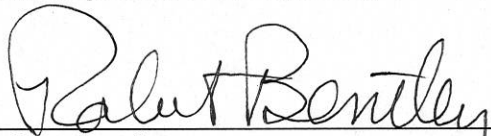
**WHEREAS**, the poultry industry is important to the State and these delays could cause widespread death of poultry and, as a result, adversely affect the economy of the poultry industry as well as the economy and health of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, certain parties have requested clarification regarding the granting of the waiver from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to 49 CFR Section 390.23, to allow relief from 49 CFR Sections 390 through 399, as it relates to the poultry industry.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency and the waiver dated effective 12:00 a.m. CST on March 5, 2015, exists for the purpose pursuant to 49 CFR 390.23 of facilitating a waiver to the U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, including, but not limited to, 49 CFR Section 395 (Hours of Service for Drivers) as it relates to transporting feed, poultry and other materials, supplies, goods and services related to the poultry industry, which shall end after the duration of the motor carrier's or driver's direct assistance in providing emergency relief, or 30 days from my initial State of Emergency Proclamation, unless sooner terminated, or as otherwise specified in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulations, whichever is less.

**FURTHER**, motor carriers that have an Out-of-Service Order in effect may not take advantage of the relief from regulation that this declaration provides under 49 CFR 390.23.

**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 5th day of March, 2015.

  
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Robert Bentley  
Governor



ATTEST:

  
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John H. Merrill  
Secretary of State