

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 09-87 (Emergency Management – River Flooding)

WHEREAS, due to extremely heavy rainfall over South Georgia and North Florida this past week, a significant rise is expected on many northern Florida rivers. At present, historic flooding is ongoing along parts of the Alapaha and Withlacoochee Rivers. Many Florida counties are now threatened by rising waters along the Alapaha, Withlacoochee, Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers. The National Weather Service at Jacksonville and Tallahassee forecast the Suwannee River to rise to major flooding levels over the next few days. As a result of rising water it is anticipated that numerous roadways along these rivers, including US-90 and I-10 over the Suwannee River, will be closed and traffic re-routed. Local evacuations may also be necessary to protect residential communities that live along these waterways.

WHEREAS, as Governor, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to this state and its people by this emergency. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1 (a) of the Florida Constitution, and by the State Emergency Management Act (Chapter 252, Florida Statutes), and all other applicable laws, I am issuing the following Executive Order:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I incorporate Executive Order 09-81 and declare a state of emergency exists in Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy and Suwannee counties and that the state is threatened with a major disaster.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall expire sixty (60) days from this date unless

extended.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.



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ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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