



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama is under imminent threat of extreme peril, namely "Hurricane Gustav";

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

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

**WHEREAS**, disruption of essential utility services and systems will likely 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 the possibility of isolated tornadoes, which are expected and which threat is expected to increase dramatically over the next 72 hours;

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

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that these damages, by reason of their magnitude, will 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 affects to the health, safety, and economy of the state.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bob Riley, 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 to seek the necessary state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

**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 29th day of August 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Riley". The signature is written over a horizontal line that serves as a signature line.

Bob Riley  
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Chapman". The signature is written over a horizontal line that serves as a signature line.

Beth Chapman  
Secretary of State