THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Over the preceding six months, many areas of the state of Georgia have experienced significant drought conditions; and

WHEREAS: There have been numerous instances of uncontrolled fires that seriously threaten the welfare of citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division declared a drought response for multiple counties and is currently monitoring conditions for any updated response; and

WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2 provides for the sale and use of fireworks in this state and specifically provides that the Governor may enact restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks whenever the Governor issues a declaration of drought; and

WHEREAS: For the purposes of O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2(b)(3)(E), a drought is hereby declared for the following counties: Baker, Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Calhoun, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dooly, Dougherty, Douglas, Early, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Glasscock, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Lee, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Macon, Madison, Marion, McDuffie, Meriwether, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Morgan, Murray, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Rabun, Randolph, Richmond, Rockdale, Schley, Seminole, Spalding, Stephens, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Terrell, Towns, Troup, Twiggs, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, Warren, Washington, Webster, White, Whitfield, Wilkes, and Wilkinson Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-10-2(b)(3)(E), the ignition of any consumer firework within the boundaries of the counties specified in this drought declaration is hereby BANNED for so long as this declaration of drought remains in effect.

This 14TH day of November, 2016.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR