



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has a vital interest in pursuing the most effective and efficient processes of government for its citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Businesses and citizens depend on state government to operate in a cost effective and efficient manner, providing services and support in a way that reduce burdens and avoids creating any unreasonable impediment to the continued economic prosperity of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has been fortunate to have achieved and been recognized for such efficiency in the past; and
- WHEREAS:** Retaining and enhancing that reputation is key to attracting new investment and job creation; and
- WHEREAS:** State laws, regulations, permitting processes, and other requirements may often be time-consuming, cumbersome and obstructive to business development and individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** To best accomplish an efficient form of government, it is desirable that state agencies reduce inefficiencies, redundancies, and consolidate all rules and regulations to make them more responsive to small businesses and the citizens of Georgia.

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

ORDERED: That all statutory agencies under the purview of the Office of the Governor should immediately review their respective rules and regulations to ensure they are not imposing unnecessary burdens on individuals and businesses. Where agency findings show that current rules produce undue and burdensome regulations, these agencies should submit any and all proposed changes to my office for review by May 15, 2012. Furthermore, in establishing future rules, agencies should continue to be cognizant of the impact these rules have on businesses and individuals. Agencies should incorporate "plain language" in drafting proposed rules so that they are clear, concise, and easily understood by all those interacting with the State of Georgia.

This 13 day of February, 2012.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY