STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is under a state of emergency due to the damage being suffered because of Hurricane "Katrina"; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that many counties and individuals in the State of Florida will experience damage to public and private property; and

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

WHEREAS, disruption of essential utility systems may occur causing extreme peril to the citizens in the state; and

WHEREAS, all of the above could adversely affect the health, safety, and economy of the people of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing severe rain activity, high winds, and storm surge and, as a result of all of these occurring hurricane dangers, the citizens of Florida are already taking necessary actions to protect themselves and their property from injury and harm; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida, did declare a state of emergency in the State of Florida and request the assistance of the State of Alabama as a result thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, do hereby instruct the appropriate Alabama state agencies to exercise their statutory authority to assist the entities affected in recovery from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, and I further instruct this state to take the necessary steps and issue the appropriate documents to expedite the movement of vehicles or vehicles and loads that are transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies, tree and debris removal equipment, damaged timber, storm-related debris, building and construction materials, or temporary emergency buildings and their components.

BE IT ORDERED that these documents shall be subject to approval and clearance by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Public Safety and shall cover specific designated state routes. Transporters are responsible to ensure that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the State of Alabama's rules and regulations. Insurance and safety requirements shall not be waived. The weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of Alabama shall not exceed the following:

A. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

B. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

C. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. No single axle shall exceed 20,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 2 axles shall exceed 40,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance. No group of 3 axles shall exceed 48,000 pounds in weight plus scale tolerance except on routes designated by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

D. Maximum dimensions shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet wide, fourteen (14) feet high, and ninety-five (95) feet long.

E. Anything greater than 8 feet, 6 inches wide and less than or equal to 14 feet wide may travel during daylight hours only, beginning 30 minutes after sunrise, ending 30 minutes before sunset.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Proclamation be construed to relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Proclamation, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein. Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to construction and building projects that are not in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery and repair efforts. This order is effective for a 30-day period from the date of this proclamation.

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 26th day of August 2005.

Bob Riley
Governor

ATTEST:

Nancy L. Worley
Secretary of State