

**RESOLUTION  
FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly has enacted the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981 (the “Act”);

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”), as the governing authority of Lowndes County, to establish and maintain a local organization for emergency management;

WHEREAS, the Board passed a Resolution on December 14, 2004, establishing the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue and reaffirm the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency and to update the prior resolution governing its operation;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that emergencies and disasters may impact multiple jurisdictions within Lowndes County and that effective preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation require a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional approach among the County and its municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency coordinates emergency management activities in accordance with the Lowndes County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), as updated and amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and it is resolved by the Board:

**SECTION I – DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Resolution, the term “emergency management” shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Act.

**SECTION II – POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board shall have all powers and authority granted under the Act and other applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To appropriate and expend funds, execute contracts, and obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes.
2. To provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property, including emergency assistance to victims of natural or manmade disasters or enemy attack, and to direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with applicable federal and state guidance.
3. To appoint, employ, remove, or otherwise provide, with or without compensation, emergency management personnel, including chiefs of services, warning personnel, rescue teams, auxiliary fire and police personnel, and other workers.