

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 49

WHEREAS, heretofore the Congress of the United States has enacted and the President of the United States has signed into law the "Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act" (H. R. 11372); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of said law, any State, including the State of Alabama, must establish speed laws not in excess of fifty-five (55) miles per hour on any public highway; or upon failure to do so, suffer the loss of Federal Aid Highway Act Funds; and

WHEREAS, the projected loss of Federal Aid Highway Act Funds to the State of Alabama amount to one-hundred-million dollars (\$100,000,000.00) annually and would, if done, result in serious detrimental effect upon the health, safety, and welfare of all Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated purpose of the "Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act" to conserve fuel during periods of current and eminent fuel shortages; and

WHEREAS, such shortages are existent and threaten to continue to exist in the State of Alabama all to the expense of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, business and industries:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of this State, hereby declare that in my judgment, the welfare of the people of Alabama best be served by complying with all the terms and conditions of the "Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act" (H. R. 11372); and further order and declare that the Director of the Department of Public Safety and the Director of the Highway Department, separately and severally, forthwith implement by all laws, rules, and regulations such action as may be necessary for the State of Alabama to comply with the aforesaid terms and conditions of the "Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act" (H. R. 11372), the same being, but not limited to (1) a maximum speed limit on any public highway within the jurisdiction of the State not exceeding 55 miles per hour; (2) A lower speed limit may be established for any vehicle operating under a special permit because of any weight or dimension of such vehicle, including any load thereon. Provided, however, that said speed limit shall not apply to any portion of a highway during such time that the condition of the highway, weather, an accident, or other condition creates a temporary hazard to the safety of traffic on such portion of a highway; (3) the aforesaid speed limit shall apply during all hours of a twenty-four hour period.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1974.

George C. Wallace  
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GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA

ATTEST:

Mark B. Adams  
SECRETARY OF STATE

