



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2018, a large boulder fell from the rock cut slope located at mile marker 136.2 on Interstate 24 in Marion County, Tennessee, landed in a westbound travel lane, and collided with a vehicle, causing substantial damage to the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, TDOT Operation crews cleared the debris and reopened the interstate to traffic; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2018, a secondary rockfall occurred at the same location on Interstate 24; and


WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Geotechnical Engineering Section (GES) thereafter investigated the rockfall site and recommended immediate emergency repairs to stabilize approximately 600 feet of the slope, which would require the closure of lanes 1 and 2 and the inside shoulder of westbound Interstate 24; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2018, TDOT GES provided a recommended preliminary scope of work for the emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2019, the Department of Transportation awarded an emergency contract to Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. for slope stabilization and debris removal at this location on Interstate 24 westbound;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and law, including but not limited to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b) do hereby declare a state of emergency existed in Marion County, Tennessee. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-107(b)(2), this state of emergency will remain in effect until the governor has determined that the emergency conditions no longer exist; provided that in no event will the state of emergency continue for longer than sixty (60) additional days, unless specifically renewed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 17th day of January, 2019.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

