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SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-26

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the State of South Carolina may be vulnerable to the effects of Hurricane Matthew, currently a category 4 moving northwest towards South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Matthew, the heavy rain, and flash flooding may represent a threat to the safety, security, welfare and property of citizens and transients living in South Carolina, the preparation and response for which require assistance and support from the State.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, effective at 7:30 AM, October 4, 2016, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. I direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Matthew.

FURTHER, I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty pursuant to my authority under Section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and I will do so by directing the Adjutant General to issue supplemental orders. I further order the activation of the South Carolina National Guard personnel and utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the citizens of this state.

I also order Dual Status Command to allow the Adjutant General or is his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status) as necessary.

I further order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina be

suspended, and State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) shall initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

I also note that the prohibitions against price gouging stated in Section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws are in effect due to the State of Emergency.

Further proclamations and regulations deemed necessary to insure the fullest protection of life and property during this state of emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State