WHEREAS, the Mayor of Charleston has directed the evacuation of a substantial portion of the City of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, the evacuation of Charleston is resulting in a considerable traffic backup on Interstate Highway 26 (I-26); and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation has determined that I-26 is in a critical traffic flow condition as a result of the evacuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of South Carolina, I hereby order the South Carolina Highway Patrol, in conjunction with other local law enforcement agencies, to close I-26
TO ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM THE JUNCTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 EAST. ALL LANES OF I-26 WILL BE DIRECTED WESTBOUND TO FACILITATE EASIER TRAFFIC FLOW FROM THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS. IF IT IS DETERMINED BY THE S. C. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THAT I-26 WEST OF I-95 IS UNDER SIMILAR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS THEN IT MAY EXTEND THE CLOSURE AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE A SAFE AND ORDERLY EVACUATION.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE