WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the southeast coast of the United States is presently vulnerable to the effects of a powerful hurricane that continues to develop in the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Isabel is advancing in a westerly direction and presents a threat to the safety, security, welfare and property of citizens and transients living in South Carolina.

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, I direct that the South Carolina National Guard be placed on a standby status and, at the discretion of the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor's Office, specified units or individuals of the National Guard be placed on state active duty to assist civil authorities and to take all reasonable precautions necessary for the preservation of life and property.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:  
MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State