EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-31

WHEREAS, floods and rapid runoff, commencing on August 25, 1995, were experienced throughout the following counties in South Carolina as a result of extremely heavy rains: Abbeville, Anderson, Bamberg, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Spartanburg, and Union counties; and,

WHEREAS, the flooding and associated runoff have produced serious and extensive damage to both private and public property; and,

WHEREAS, extensive ongoing damage assessments have revealed that this State has sustained severe damage to its road systems, which includes bridges, roadbeds, and other facilities, much of which occurred on the Federal-aid highways; and

WHEREAS, damage throughout the western and southern parts of the State were of such an extent that immediate repairs have been necessary and such conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of Sections 125 and 120(e) of Title 23, U.S.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that an emergency exists throughout the western and southern parts of the State as a result of flooding and runoff conditions and consequent danger to life and damage to property, including Federal-aid highways. I direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation to undertake immediate repair and reconstruction of the damaged highways vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of the State of South Carolina. I further direct the Department of Transportation to take all necessary action to obtain the concurrence of the Federal Highway Administrator in the declaration of this emergency, making FHWA Emergency Relief assistance available to the State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1995

DAVID M. BEASLEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State

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