WHEREAS, on August 6, 2013, heavy rains and accompanying high river flows and debris caused severe damage to the bridge on S-160, known as Jones Mill Road, over Six Mile Creek in Pickens County, causing partial collapse of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the impact of heavy rains resulted in complete closure of the bridge, diverting approximately 2,100 vehicles per day on a detour route of approximately 6.75 miles; and

WHEREAS, a complete bridge replacement required for this bridge is beyond the scope of extraordinary maintenance but is necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of Section 125 of Title 23 in the United States Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby declare that an emergency exists as a result of the damage caused by heavy rains at the Jones Mill Road Bridge in Pickens County and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation to undertake actions to replace the collapsing bridge to ensure the safety and well-being of the traveling public. I further direct the Department of Transportation to obtain federal approval of the Federal Highway Division Administrator to make Federal Highway Division Emergency Relief assistance available to the State.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:
MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE