WHEREAS, the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi have been impacted by Hurricane Katrina resulting in massive damages and have requested assistance from the State of South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in Section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the civil authorities in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi have specifically requested the support of the South Carolina National Guard to assist in security, transportation, communications, and resource distribution in response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby direct the Adjutant General to place on state duty and utilize the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division and in consultation with the Governor's Office, to fulfill the mission in support of the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:
MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE