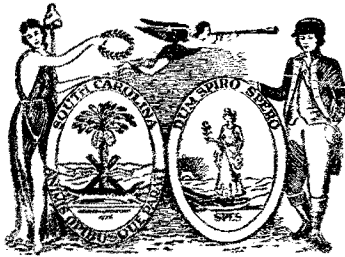


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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2005-21

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2005, the National Hurricane Center determined that the coastline of the State of South Carolina was vulnerable to the effects of a strengthening hurricane that continued to develop in the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Ophelia is advancing in a direction that represents a potential threat to the safety, security, welfare, and property of citizens and transients 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 directed that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect and the required state agencies support the responsibilities and tasks therein. I have also directed that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Ophelia. I further directed 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, and in coordination with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, that specified units be placed on state active duty to assist civil authorities and to take all reasonable precautions necessary for the preservation of life and property. I further authorize the Director, Emergency Management Division, to seek reimbursement from the State Contingency Fund for any expenditures required to respond to Hurricane Ophelia.

Further Proclamations and Orders deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during the State's response to Hurricane Ophelia shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.



Mike Sanford
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE