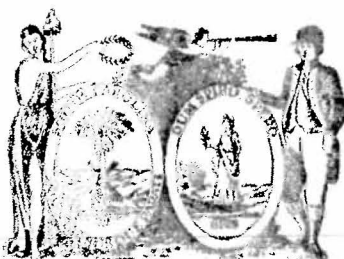


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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2009-01

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2009, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the state with the potential to receive up to six inches of snow in some areas;

WHEREAS, temperatures were forecast to drop below freezing and continue through the following morning making the road conditions hazardous; and

WHEREAS, these conditions posed a threat to the safety of the state's citizens, State offices in the counties of Chesterfield, Dillon, Lancaster, Marlboro, and York were closed all day on January 20, 2009; State offices in Chester and Union counties were delayed in opening until 1:00 p.m. on January 20, 2009; State offices in the counties of Cherokee, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Greenwood, Kershaw, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, and Sumter were delayed in opening until 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 2009; and, due to the continuing threat posed by hazardous roadways, the opening of State offices in Chesterfield and Lancaster counties were delayed until 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to S.C. Code 8-11-57, all State employees absent from work as directed on January 20, 2009 and January 21, 2009 due to the closing of State offices caused by hazardous weather conditions are hereby granted leave with pay.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE