WHEREAS, on March 1, 2009, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning for the state with the potential to receive up to ten inches of snow in some areas;

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

WHEREAS, these conditions posed a threat to the safety of the State’s citizens; therefore, State offices in the counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, and York were closed all day on March 2, 2009, State offices in the counties of Abbeville, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Saluda were delayed in opening until 1:00 p.m. on March 2, 2009, and State offices in the counties of Aiken, Calhoun, Lee, Lexington, Sumter, and Richland were delayed in opening until 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2009. Due to the continuing threat posed by hazardous roadways, the opening of State offices in Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, and Spartanburg counties were delayed until 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-11-57, all State employees absent from work in part as directed, on March 2, 2009, and March 3, 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.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE