WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016, the National Weather Service began issuing Tornado Watches, Flood Warnings, Flash Flood Watches, Tropical Storm Warnings, High Wind Warnings, and Wind Advisories for all or parts of South Carolina, leading to the possibility of hazardous driving conditions, power outages, and closed or flooded roads or bridges, which pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the threat of hazardous weather conditions, state government offices were closed or delayed on Friday, September 2, 2016, in accordance with county government offices as follows: Allendale, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Fairfield, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the governor of this State may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to the closing of state offices for hazardous weather conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of South Carolina, I hereby grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work as directed on September 2, 2016, due to the closing of state offices caused by hazardous weather conditions.

This order shall take effect immediately.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State