WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 8, 2016, the effects of Hurricane Matthew began impacting the coastal and inland areas of South Carolina, including in certain parts of the state 6.2 feet of storm surge, 10 to 15 inches of rain, 60 to 88 miles per hour wind gusts, and river levels 1.85 to 3.89 feet above major flood stage, all of which led to flash flooding and downed trees, power lines, and other debris that caused roadways and bridges to be dangerous and impassable; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the hazardous weather conditions, state government offices in the following counties were closed in accordance with county government offices as follows: Aiken, October 8, 2016; Allendale, October 8-10, 2016; Bamberg, October 8, 2016; Barnwell, October 8, 2016; Beaufort, October 8-11, 2016; Berkeley, October 8-10, 2016; Calhoun, October 8-10, 2016; Charleston, October 8-10, 2016; Clarendon, October 8-10, 2016; Colleton, October 8-10, 2016; Darlington, October 8-11, 2016; Dillon, October 8-11, 2016; Dorchester, October 8-10, 2016; Florence, October 8-11, 2016; Georgetown, October 8-10, 2016; Hampton, October 8-10, 2016; Horry, October 8-10, 2016; Jasper, October 8-11, 2016; Lee, October 8-11, 2016; Lexington, October 8, 2016; Marion, October 8-11, 2016; Marlboro, October 8-10, 2016; Orangeburg, October 8-11, 2016; Richland, October 8, 2016; Sumter, October 8-10, 2016; Williamsburg, October 8-12, 2016; 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 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 from Saturday, October 8, 2016 through Wednesday, October 12, 2016 as a result of the hazardous weather conditions.
This order shall take effect immediately.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State