WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, I issued Executive Order 2016-26, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Matthew approaching the State of South Carolina and directed that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued Executive Order 2016-29, closing public schools and state, county, and municipal government offices from Wednesday, October 5, 2016 through Friday, October 7, 2016 for the purpose of supporting shelter operations and mass transportation needs in anticipation of a coastal evacuation, which thereby did occur upon my order through Executive Orders 2016-31, 32, and 33 for the preservation of life and the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these actions and the hazardous weather conditions that occurred, it became necessary for many banks and savings and loan institutions to close from October 5, 2016 through October 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Section 53-5-55 of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the Governor to declare legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions whenever the Governor finds such additional holidays to be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, October 10, 2016, is already deemed a federal holiday for banks.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina Code, I hereby declare October 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, 2016 to be legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina that were forced to close due to my Orders, other State actions, or hazardous weather conditions caused as a result of Hurricane Matthew.
This Order shall take effect immediately.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State