

## **Executive Order No. 2018-36**

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Florence and placing into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-28, ordering a mandatory medical evacuation, effective at 1:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018, of all healthcare facilities licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) located in specified Evacuation Zones in Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry Counties in accordance with DHEC's Mandatory Medical Evacuation Protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-29, ordering the evacuation, effective at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, of all persons located in specified Evacuation Zones in Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry Counties, except for critical or emergency response personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-30, effective September 11, 2018, temporarily closing state government offices and schools (including state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges) in 26 counties to effectuate and support the evacuation of the public from those areas threatened by the impacts of Hurricane Florence; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has issued Executive Orders 2018-31, 2018-32, 2018-34, and 2018-35 rescinding portions of the medical and general populace evacuations, and rescinding portions of the prior closures of government offices and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has left in place a mandatory evacuation effective for Georgetown (Zones A, B, and C), and Horry (Zones A, B, and C) Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has left closed state government and schools, including state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges, in Georgetown and Horry Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, as Hurricane Florence, now a tropical storm, no longer poses an imminent threat to South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that it is appropriate based on current weather conditions to lift all remaining restrictions upon Georgetown and Horry Counties, and allow county authorities to make decisions about access and applicable school districts to make decisions about school openings.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, effective at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 16, 2018, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders for Georgetown (Zones A, B, and C) and Horry (Zones A, B, and C) Counties.

Nothing in this Order prohibits local officials from establishing a curfew or restricting access to areas of danger to ensure the welfare and safety of the general population and of healthcare facility patients, residents, and visitors. Accordingly, to the extent necessary, I hereby authorize state officials to assist in enforcing any applicable local curfews or restrictions to help ensure the welfare and safety of residents and visitors. All residents and visitors remaining in or returning to the foregoing areas should continue to monitor weather forecasts and conditions and exercise due caution to travel safely across roads and bridges and should understand that portions of these areas may be without power or access to essential services.

**FURTHER**, effective at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 16, 2018, I also rescind the previous directive to close state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges) and schools, for Georgetown and Horry Counties. Accordingly, Georgetown and Horry County state government offices should adhere to normal state procedure, following county closures for inclement weather, and schools should adhere to the applicable school district policy in resuming regular activities.

**ACCORDINGLY**, as of this order, all previous evacuation orders, state government office closures, and school closures have been rescinded.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 15th DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**