WHEREAS, for the past several years, South Carolina farmers have experienced severe crop and livestock losses due to bad weather and drought; and

WHEREAS, farmers from other states have assisted South Carolina farmers during these difficult times by contributing seed, hay, and other essentials; and

WHEREAS, farmers in other states are now experiencing severe losses as a result of drought and poor weather; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of South Carolina are now assisting drought stricken farmers in other states and are anxious to contribute further; and

WHEREAS, many volunteers wish to truck hay on a nonprofit basis to the drought stricken farmers; and
WHEREAS, SUCH CONTEMPLATED LOADS WOULD VIOLATE THE LICENSED VEHICLE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA WISHES TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND CONVENIENTLY PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE FARMERS OF OTHER STATES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE LICENSED VEHICLE WEIGHT AND FUEL TAX MARKER REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE VEHICLES DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO TRANSPORT DONATED HAY TO OTHER STATES ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM OF SOUTH CAROLINA; HOWEVER, THESE VEHICLES ARE NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.

THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE