WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared (Executive Order 89-32) and the South Carolina Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan has been placed into effect; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Hugo, it is estimated that 36% of the State’s 12.2 million acres of forested land received damage, causing an immediate loss to the forest products industry; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this destruction of our timberland, an emergency exists making it necessary to salvage and use as much of the damaged timber as possible in the shortest length of time possible so as to minimize total waste and rottage of this valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the delivery of this perishable natural resource to consuming manufactures both inside and outside the state of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, damage to the state’s beach front area has been severe and there is an immediate need to replenish the beach area before October 16, 1989, when the coastal tides will be their highest in ten (10) years,
NOW, THEREFORE, I HEREBY DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS ON THE VEHICLE GROSS WEIGHT OF VEHICLES SET FORTH IN SECTION 56-5-4140. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED NINETY THOUSAND (90,000) POUNDS AND WILL INCLUDE A MAXIMUM SINGLE AXLE WEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND (20,000) POUNDS AND A MAXIMUM TANDEM AXLE WEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND (40,000) POUNDS.

THIS MORATORIUM IS FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING TREES AND BY-PRODUCTS FROM THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY HURRICANE HUGO. THE MORATORIUM SHALL ALSO BE FOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION, SAND, AND RIPRAP FOR THE RESTORATION OR PRESERVATION OF HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THE BEACH.

THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS. IF WARRANTED THIS ORDER MAY BE EXTENDED IF IT IS DEEMED THAT THE EFFORT TO SALVAGE TIMBERS NEEDS TO CONTINUE. THIS ORDER AMENDS EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-46.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE