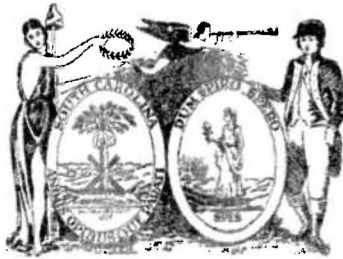


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**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, March 15, 2008, severe weather impacted the State of South Carolina, resulting in high winds, large hail, and numerous tornado touchdowns; and

**WHEREAS**, this severe weather and ensuing tornado activity resulted in downed trees, blocked roads, power outages, residential and commercial property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, damage assessments that began on March 16, 2008, are continuing in order to determine the exact extent of damages.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed in effect to support the responsibilities and tasks as warranted by these conditions. I further direct that state agencies, as directed by the Emergency Management Division, take necessary and prudent actions within their capabilities to assist the citizens of this State in their recovery efforts.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF  
MARCH, 2008.

  
MARK SANFORD  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
MARK HAMMOND