

Executive Order No. 2018-24

WHEREAS, by letter of August 21, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto, the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Bamberg County (“Board”) has advised the undersigned that two members of the Town Council for the Town of Govan have tendered their resignations; and

WHEREAS, section 5-7-200(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[a] vacancy in the office of mayor or council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at the next regular election or at a special election if the vacancy occurs one hundred eighty days or more prior to the next general election”; and

WHEREAS, the Board has advised the undersigned that the aforementioned vacancies were created one hundred eighty days or more prior to the next general election but that the requisite special election has not been held to date due to a delay in notifying the Board of the resignations; and

WHEREAS, section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides as follows: “When any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result.”

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, I hereby Order that a special election shall be held on November 6, 2018, to fill the aforementioned vacancies on the Town Council for the Town of Govan. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, I designate and appoint the Board to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the special election, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. In order to qualify as a candidate to run in the special election, all candidates must file with the Board a statement of intention of candidacy, and submit any applicable filing fees, between noon on Friday, August 31, 2018, and noon on Friday, September 7, 2018. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2018-25

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of John Sidney McCain, III, senior United States Senator from the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Senator McCain represented the United States of America and the State of Arizona with honor and distinction as a member of Congress from 1983 until his passing on August 25, 2018, at the age of 81, dutifully serving in the United States House of Representatives from 1983 to 1987, and in the United States Senate since 1987; and

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WHEREAS, in 2008, Senator McCain was nominated by the Republican Party as its candidate for President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, prior to his distinguished tenure in Congress, Senator McCain, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, served honorably and heroically in the United States Navy for twenty-three years, including extensive combat duty as a naval aviator; and

WHEREAS, while flying a bombing mission in support of Operation Rolling Thunder during the Vietnam War, Senator McCain's aircraft was shot down and he was captured and held by the North Vietnamese as a prisoner of war for over five years; and

WHEREAS, the North Vietnamese offered to release Senator McCain, who was the son and grandson of admirals, for propaganda purposes when his father was named commander of all American forces in the Vietnamese theater; however, Senator McCain refused release, in accordance with the military code of conduct governing prisoners of war, unless and until every prisoner of war captured before him was also released; and

WHEREAS, Senator McCain continued to endure unimaginable torture and inhumane treatment for over four more years after refusing an offer of early release, yet Senator McCain never relented despite suffering tremendously at the hands of his captors; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his incredible bravery and courageous military service, Senator McCain received numerous decorations and awards, including the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Prisoner of War Medal, three Bronze Stars, two Legion of Merit medals, two Purple Hearts, and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals; and

WHEREAS, Senator McCain was a remarkable man, decorated American hero, and dedicated and respected public servant, and his distinguished and patriotic service is an inspiration to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Senator McCain warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff at a designated time or for a designated period of time upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature.

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 of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff until sunset on the day of Senator McCain's internment in tribute to Senator McCain's extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the United States of America. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2018-26

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the coastline of the State of South Carolina may be impacted by Hurricane Florence, a strengthening hurricane that continues to develop in the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Florence represents a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and requires that the State take timely precautions to protect and preserve property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety and welfare of the people of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and 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 noon, September 8, 2018, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. I direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Florence.

FURTHER, I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty, pursuant to my authority under section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and I will do so by directing the Adjutant General to issue supplemental orders. I further order the activation of South Carolina National Guard personnel and the utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General, in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the citizens of this State.

I also order Dual Status Command to allow the Adjutant General or his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status) as necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina be suspended, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (“SLED”) shall initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

I also note that the prohibitions against price gouging stated in section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws are in effect due to the State of Emergency.

This Order shall take effect immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period. This State of Emergency shall remain in effect until rescinded or otherwise amended.

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

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

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Executive Order No. 2018-27

Temporary Suspension of Certain Motor Vehicle Regulations Due to Existing Emergencies in South Carolina and North Carolina

WHEREAS, the potential impact of Tropical Storm Florence, which is strengthening and is anticipated to become Hurricane Florence (“Hurricane Florence”), will require the transportation of vehicles bearing equipment and supplies for utility restoration and debris removal and essentials such as food, water, medicine and medical supplies, fuel oil, livestock and poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the uninterrupted supply of electricity, fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, liquid petroleum gas, food, medicine and medical supplies, livestock and poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and other agricultural products, to residential and commercial establishments is essential before, during, and after Hurricane Florence, and any interruption in the availability, transportation, or delivery of such commodities and materials does and would threaten the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the prompt restoration of utility services is essential to the safety and well-being of the people of South Carolina and neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence poses an imminent threat of severe economic loss and other dangers to livestock, poultry, or crops ready to be harvested in South Carolina and in neighboring states, which may necessitate transportation of the same; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing and due to the imminent threat of widespread damage in connection with Hurricane Florence, it is prudent to assist in facilitating and supporting the operation of critical transportation services; and

WHEREAS, federal law limits the hours operators of commercial motor vehicles may drive vehicles transporting materials as stated above pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 390 *et seq.* and establishes certain weight limitations for vehicles on interstate highways pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 127; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of a State may suspend certain requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, load, and hours of service for commercial vehicles responding to an emergency if the Governor declares a state of emergency pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 127, 49 C.F.R. § 390.23; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has issued Executive Order 2018-26 contemporaneously herewith declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the State of South Carolina due to the potential impact of Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, whenever a state of emergency is declared in the State of North Carolina that triggers relief under 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, an emergency must be declared in this State pursuant to section 56-5-70(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of North Carolina issued two Executive Orders on September 7, 2018, copies of which are attached hereto, declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the State of North Carolina and temporarily suspending certain motor vehicle regulations related to the same.

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, in accordance with the aforementioned authorities, I hereby suspend the federal rules and regulations that establish certain registration, permitting, length, width, weight, load, and hours of service requirements, as fully set forth below, for commercial vehicles responding to the existing emergencies in the in the State of South Carolina and

the State of North Carolina. Accordingly, I direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the State Transport Police, as needed, to suspend application and enforcement of such federal rules and regulations, in conjunction with S.C. Code Ann. §§ 56-5-4010 *et seq.*, which establish size, weight, and load requirements for South Carolina highways, for the following commercial vehicles responding to the declared emergencies:

(1) Persons and vehicles transporting essential fuels (to include fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, and liquid petroleum), food, water, medicine and medical supplies; and

(2) Persons and vehicles transporting livestock, poultry, food for livestock and poultry, and crops ready to be harvested; and

(3) Persons and vehicles used in or transporting materials necessary for the restoration of utility services and debris removal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding the waiver of the federal rules and regulations that restrict registration, permitting length, width, and load requirements, drivers in South Carolina are still subject to the following state requirements to ensure safety on the roads:

(a) Weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of South Carolina shall not exceed for continuous travel on all non-interstates, United States, and South Carolina designated routes maximum dimensions of 12' wide, 13'6" high and weights of 90,000 pounds.

(b) Posted bridges may not be crossed.

(c) All vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, shall not damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic, shall maintain the required limits of insurance, and shall provide appropriate documentation indicating they are responding to this emergency.

(d) Any dimensions and/or weights of vehicles that exceed the above must obtain a permit with defined routes from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversized/Overweight Permit Office. To order a permit, please call (803) 737-6769 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or (803) 206-9566 after regular business hours.

(e) Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws relating to oversize/overweight loads operating on South Carolina roadways.

Nothing herein shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383 or the financial requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until the state of emergency ceases, whichever is less, in accordance with section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

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Executive Order No. 2018-28

Mandatory Medical Evacuation of Healthcare Facilities

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center advises that Hurricane Florence, anticipated to be a category 4 hurricane, will likely affect or strike the coast of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the force of Hurricane Florence represents an imminent threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, I am authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, I have declared a State of Emergency in South Carolina pursuant to Executive Order 2018-26; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that evacuation of healthcare facilities is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened area; and

WHEREAS, I, with consultation of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), have determined that due to time and logistical concerns, evacuation of healthcare facilities should begin prior to a general population evacuation.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the 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 the time of one o'clock PM, September 10, 2018, I do hereby order a mandatory medical evacuation of all healthcare facilities licensed by DHEC and located in the following Evacuation Zones in Jasper (Zones A, B), Beaufort (Zone A), Colleton (Zones A, B), Charleston (Zones A, B and C), Dorchester (Zones D, E and F), Berkeley (Zones B, G, H and I), Georgetown (Zones A, B and C), and Horry (Zones A, B and C). Specific details of the areas for the evacuation follow this Order in Attachment 1., Evacuation Zones.

For purposes of this Order, healthcare facilities include acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, alcohol and substance abuse hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, nursing homes, community residential care facilities (also called assisted living facilities), ambulatory surgical facilities, hospice facilities, radiation therapy facilities, abortion facilities, day care facilities for adults, residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents, intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disability (ICFPID), narcotic treatment programs, inpatient facilities that treat individuals for psychoactive substance abuse or dependence, and birthing centers.

Upon the effective date and time of this Order, all healthcare facilities in the evacuation zones are hereby ordered to initiate evacuation procedures and to stop admission of any non-emergent patients. All inpatient facilities in the evacuating zones shall immediately begin to reduce their census of patients, limit services to emergent or essential patient needs (for example, non-elective procedures, dialysis, giving birth, medications, and chemotherapy), and take other measures as necessary to ensure evacuation is completed pursuant to this Order.

It is important to begin evacuating healthcare facilities in advance of the approaching hurricane and prior to further general population to ensure the safety of patients. Each healthcare facility is unique with different needs and should begin implementing its plan now. Recognizing that fully evacuating takes time and the needs of each healthcare facility are different, each healthcare facility must notify DHEC upon completion

of its evacuation so that the State has a census of healthcare facilities. Such notification to DHEC may be made by e-mail or by telephone: acc-healthreg@dhec.sc.gov or 1-800-833-0099.

OBTAINING EXEMPTION FROM THE MANDATORY MEDICAL EVACUATION

In accordance with applicable law and regulations, a hospital seeking an exemption from this Order must request the exemption from DHEC. DHEC will base its exemption decisions on the hospital's Critical Data Sheet (CDS) on file with DHEC. Based upon the CDSs and other relevant criteria, DHEC may grant exemptions from a full mandatory evacuation to those hospitals which qualify. Nursing homes, ICFIDs, and hospice facilities are generally NOT allowed an exemption. Under limited circumstances, DHEC may exempt nursing facilities (nursing homes), ICFIDs, and hospice facilities pursuant to SC Regs. 61-17, 61-13, and 61-78, respectively. Attached to this Order are DHEC's Mandatory Medical Evacuation Protocols that shall be enforced while this Order is in place.

DHEC will maintain the list of hospitals that are granted exemptions from the requirement to evacuate. DHEC may revoke an exemption as needed, such as due to deteriorating conditions. Those requesting exemptions should be aware that assistance may not be available due to the severe weather or the effects of the severe weather.

APPROVING SHELTER-IN-PLACE FOR MEDICALLY-FRAGILE PATIENTS

Under limited circumstances, a physician may determine that it is medically advisable for a medically-fragile patient to shelter-in-place in a hospital that has otherwise evacuated. In this scenario, such hospital should work through this issue according to DHEC's protocols. Attached to this Order are DHEC's Mandatory Medical Evacuation Protocols that shall be enforced while this Order is in place.

RE-ENTRY

After a county is evacuated, re-entry decisions into the county will be made at a local level based on local conditions. Thus, if a hospital requests to re-establish emergency services, including those services necessary to support emergency services, within a part of the hospital after the hurricane has subsided but before the expiration of this Order, or after the expiration of this Order but before a county is allowing re-entry, the hospital must work with DHEC and the local emergency management authority to gain re-entry into the county and hospital. The hospital, in consultation with DHEC, must conduct an inspection of the facility to determine if that section can function safely and meet regulatory requirements. The inspection must be certified by the facility manager and the CEO or their designees. Upon approval from DHEC, the hospital must obtain approval of the local emergency management authority in the county prior to re-establishing services. The local emergency management authority is appropriate to assist in re-entry decisions as they will have intimate knowledge of the local conditions, such as road conditions and risks to patients' lives and safety.

Further Proclamations and Orders deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

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WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has advised that Hurricane Florence will impact the State of South Carolina, especially the coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence and the associated wind, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather, represent a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and require that the State take timely precautions to protect property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State; and

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, as the Chief Executive of this State, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the undersigned is authorized to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if such action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that an evacuation is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery efforts.

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 the time of twelve o'clock PM (noon), September 11, 2018, I do hereby order an evacuation of all persons located in the following Evacuation Zones in Jasper (Zones A, B), Beaufort (Zone A), Colleton (Zones A, B), Charleston (Zones A, B, and C), Dorchester (Zones D, E, and F), Berkeley (Zones B, G, H, and I), Georgetown (Zones A, B, and C), and Horry (Zones A, B, and C) Counties, with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, as designated by the appropriate municipal, county, or special purpose district officials, necessary to provide essential services during or immediately following the event. All other persons are ordered to evacuate the areas as expeditiously as possible. Specific details regarding the areas for evacuation are attached to this Executive Order.

Any persons or non-Emergency Management personnel who remain in the Evacuation Zones, and any medical facilities, nursing home facilities, businesses, or other organizations or entities that allow or require persons under their charge to remain in the Evacuation Zones are responsible for the safety and well-being of themselves and of those under their charge. Any such persons or entities are charged with the knowledge that should they need the assistance of emergency personnel or services, those personnel or services may not be available or capable of coming to their aid.

FURTHER, I hereby direct that specified units of the South Carolina National Guard, at the discretion of the Adjutant General in consultation with the Director of the Emergency Management Division (EMD), may remain on duty to assist civil authorities in these areas, including Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 13 and 16, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), taking all reasonable precautions as necessary for the preservation of life and property. The South Carolina National Guard may supplement units as needed. DPS will remain to assist with all traffic control points as assigned and needed.

Persons in other areas near the projected path of Hurricane Florence should take all precautions necessary to ensure their protection from potential high winds, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather.

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 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

Executive Order No. 2018-30

Temporary Closure in Specified Counties of State Schools and Government Offices, including State-Supported Colleges, Universities, and Technical Colleges

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, Hurricane Florence and the associated wind, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather, represent a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and require that the State take timely precautions to protect property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Executive of this State, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the undersigned is authorized to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if such action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing provision authorizes the undersigned to direct and compel the closure of state government offices and schools to effectuate and support the evacuation of the public from those areas threatened by the impacts of Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary to reduce traffic on the interstates and highways to assist in the safe evacuation of coastal counties; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that its necessary to utilize state schools to serve as shelters and school buses to assist in the evacuation; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned measures are necessary for emergency mitigation and response, as well as to safeguard the public evacuating in accordance with Executive Order 2018-29, which requires the evacuation of specified Evacuation Zones in certain counties.

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, I do hereby order the following:

1. The closure of all schools, beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the following counties in order to support shelter operations for persons evacuated from the coastal counties: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Aiken (Southern Conglomerate); Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington (Central Conglomerate); and Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg,

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Marion, Florence, Dillon, Clarendon, Sumter, Darlington, Lee, and Marlboro (Northern Conglomerate). The duration of this closure is for the duration of shelter operations, which will be open for the period of the evacuation and until conditions allow the public to reenter evacuated areas. A subsequent Order shall be issued to lift this closure.

2. The closure of all state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges), beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the following counties in order to support evacuation operations by allowing the evacuation of needed areas and reducing traffic on the roadways: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Aiken (Southern Conglomerate); Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington (Central Conglomerate); and Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Marion, Florence, Dillon, Clarendon, Sumter, Darlington, Lee, Marlboro (Northern Conglomerate). This Order affects all employees except for those emergency, governmental, or essential personnel whose presence the Director of said state government office deems necessary. The duration of closure will be for the period of the evacuation. A subsequent Order shall be issued to lift this closure.

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 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2018-31

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to the significant threat posed by 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, upon consultation with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the undersigned determined that the evacuation of certain threatened areas was necessary for the preservation of life and that the evacuation of certain healthcare facilities in the threatened areas should begin prior to a general population evacuation due to timing and logistical concerns; 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 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, with the exception of critical or emergency response personnel, due to the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Florence and based on the forecasted track of the same; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing evacuation orders were issued in light of the anticipated path and impact of Hurricane Florence and the resulting threats to the safety, security, and welfare of the general population and of

residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities and the need to take timely precautions to protect people, property, critical infrastructure, and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, Beaufort County, Jasper County, and certain portions of Colleton County are no longer within the National Hurricane Center's Track Forecast Cone and are not currently under a hurricane watch; and

WHEREAS, DHEC has advised that Hurricane Florence no longer poses an imminent threat to the life, health, safety, or welfare of residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities in Beaufort County, Jasper County, and certain portions of Colleton County; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the latest weather forecasts and other relevant information regarding Hurricane Florence's projected track, the undersigned has determined that it is appropriate based on current conditions for county authorities to make decisions about access to threatened areas in Beaufort County, Jasper County, and Colleton County (with the exception of Edisto Beach).

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, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders for Beaufort County (Zone A), Jasper County (Zones A and B), and Colleton County (Zones A and B, with the exception of Edisto Beach), effective at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018. A map of the remaining evacuation area for Edisto Beach is attached to this Executive Order. The corresponding provisions of Executive Order 2018-28 and Executive Order 2018-29 are hereby modified and amended to reflect the foregoing and to be consistent with the directives set forth herein.

FURTHER, 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.

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 orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2018-32

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

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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, with the exception of critical or emergency response personnel, due to the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Florence and based on the forecasted track of the same; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-30, 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, according to the National Weather Service, Beaufort County, Jasper County, and certain portions of Colleton County are no longer within the National Hurricane Center's Track Forecast Cone and are not currently under a hurricane watch; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2018, after consideration of the latest weather forecasts and other relevant information regarding Hurricane Florence's projected track, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-31, rescinding the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders for Beaufort County (Zone A), Jasper County (Zones A and B), and Colleton County (Zones A and B, with the exception of Edisto Beach), effective at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, thereby modifying and amending the provisions of Executive Order 2018-28 and Executive Order 2018-29; and

WHEREAS, the modification and amendment of the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders, as specified in Executive Order 2018-31, lessens the need to utilize schools as shelters and school buses for evacuation purposes and reduces expected traffic volumes on the corresponding evacuation routes; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore no longer necessary to close state government offices and schools, including state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges, in the following counties: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Aiken (Southern Conglomerate).

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, I hereby rescind the previous directive to close state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges) and schools, effective Wednesday, September 12, 2018, for the Southern Conglomerate. Accordingly, state government offices in the Southern Conglomerate should adhere to normal state procedure, following county closures for inclement weather, and state schools in the Southern Conglomerate should adhere to the applicable school district policy in resuming regular activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, because Edisto Beach is still considered at-risk and subject to Executive Order 2018-29, any state government offices, to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges, and schools located in the Edisto Beach evacuation area, as detailed in the attachment to Executive Order 2018-31, shall remain closed. State government offices in counties not listed above shall remain closed in accordance with Executive Order 2018-30, except for those emergency, governmental, or essential personnel whose presence the director of said state government office deems necessary. A subsequent Order shall be issued to lift this closure.

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 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2018-33

WHEREAS, due to the recent death of Willie R. Davis, there presently exists a vacancy on Dorchester County Council in the office and seat representing District One; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration (“Board”) previously scheduled and noticed a special primary runoff for September 11, 2018, in connection with the election to fill the aforementioned vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the State Election Commission (“Commission”), on behalf of the Board, has advised the undersigned that the Board was unable to conduct the special primary runoff as scheduled due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Florence and the State of Emergency, evacuation, and closure of government offices related to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has advised the undersigned of the Board’s request to reschedule the special primary runoff for Tuesday, September 18, 2018, in view of the approaching general election and deadlines associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides as follows: “When any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result.”

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, I hereby order that the special primary runoff in connection with the election to fill the vacancy on Dorchester County Council for the seat representing District One shall be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, I designate and appoint the Board to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the special primary runoff, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

16 EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 2018-34

Rescission of Mandatory Medical and General Population Evacuation for Berkeley County, Charleston County, Dorchester County, and Edisto Beach

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to the significant threat posed by Hurricane Florence; 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 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 an 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, due to the imminent danger and forecasted track posed by Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-31, effective at 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, rescinding the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders for all persons located in specified Evacuation Zones in Jasper, Beaufort, and Colleton Counties, with the exception of Edisto Beach, and modifying the corresponding provisions of Executive Order 2018-28 and Executive Order 2018-29.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm and, based on reports by the National Weather Service, no longer poses an imminent threat to the life, health, safety, or welfare of persons in Berkeley County, Charleston County, Dorchester County, or Edisto Beach.

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, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation and general population evacuation orders for Berkeley County, Charleston County, Dorchester County, and Edisto Beach, effective at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on September 15, 2018. The corresponding provisions of Executive Orders 2018-28, 2018-29, and 2018-31 are hereby modified and amended to correspond with and be consistent with this Order.

FURTHER, this Order does not rescind general population or medical evacuation orders for Georgetown and Horry counties, pursuant to Executive Orders 2018-28 and 2018-29, which will only be rescinded when local officials provide notification that these areas are safe. However, for the health and welfare of the citizens, dialysis centers licensed by DHEC and hospitals that have re-established emergency services pursuant to the re-entry provision in Executive Order 2018-28 are allowed to open in all counties to provide essential, non-elective services regardless of the medical and general evacuation orders in place for that county.

FURTHER, all residents and visitors 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.

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.

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 orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing 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**

Executive Order No. 2018-35

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 2018-30, 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, on September 11, 2018, the undersigned rescinded closures for state government offices and schools, including state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges, in the following counties: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Aiken (Southern Conglomerate) effective Wednesday, September 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there are additional counties for which Hurricane Florence, now a tropical storm, no longer poses an imminent threat.

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, I hereby rescind the previous directive to close state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges) and schools, effective Saturday, September 15, 2018, for the following counties: Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington (Central Conglomerate), and Williamsburg, Marion, Florence, Dillon, Clarendon, Sumter, Darlington, Lee, and Marlboro (a portion of the Northern Conglomerate).

Accordingly, state government offices in these counties should adhere to normal state procedure, following county closures for inclement weather, and state schools in these counties should adhere to the applicable school district policy in resuming regular activities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Georgetown County and Horry County are still considered at-risk. Therefore, any state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges) and schools located in Georgetown County and Horry County shall remain closed in accordance with Executive Order 2018-30, except for those emergency, governmental, or essential personnel whose presence the director of said state government office deems necessary. A subsequent Order shall be issued to lift the closures of state government offices and state schools in Georgetown County and Horry County.

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.

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

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

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