

Executive Order 2002-01

(January 3, 2002)

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm which began January 2, 2002 is currently impacting the State of South Carolina, with the potential for accumulation of large amounts of snow and ice throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the storm may require assistance for stranded motorists, medical emergencies, and logistical support to local governments; and

WHEREAS, this severe weather has significant potential to down trees, block roads, create power outages, and isolate many citizens, and may surpass the capability of local governments to adequately respond to and recover from its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists and direct the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed in effect and required State agencies to support the responsibilities and taskings therein.

I further direct the South Carolina National Guard be placed on State duty and order utilization of the South Carolina National Guard's personnel and appropriate equipment, at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in coordination with the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division, to take such necessary and prudent actions to prepare for and respond to the hazards posed by this severe winter weather, specifically to protect life and property.

The provisions of this Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this office.