



# State of South Carolina

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October 4, 2016

The Honorable Ashton Carter  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20318

The Honorable Ashton Carter:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of South Carolina and the Department of Defense for the Use and Establishment of a Dual-Status Commander Pursuant to Title 32, U.S. Code (hereinafter "the Memorandum of Agreement"), signed on September 30, 2011, and Section 325 of Title 32, U.S. Code, I grant consent for Major General Gregory W. Batts, South Carolina Army National Guard to be activated and to serve in both State and Federal duty statuses as Dual-Status Commander for the purpose of emergency response and recovery to Hurricane Matthew. In his State National Guard status, the jurisdiction in which Major General Batts may perform his duties as Dual-Status Commander is the State of South Carolina. Major General Batts' service as a Dual-Status Commander is not expected to exceed 30 days. It shall begin on or about October 5, 2016 and end on or about November 4, 2016.

Pursuant to the Memorandum and statute cited above, if it should be necessary, I also grant consent for Brigadier General Stephen B. Owens, South Carolina Army National Guard, to be activated and to serve in both State and Federal duty statuses as successor Dual-Status Commander for the foregoing operation in the event Major General Gregory W. Batts becomes disabled or is otherwise unable to continue to serve as Dual-Status Commander. In his State National Guard status, the jurisdiction in which Brigadier General Stephen B. Owens may perform his duties as successor Dual-Status Commander is the State of South Carolina. If it becomes necessary, Brigadier General Stephen B. Owens service as Dual-Status Commander would be expected to end on or about November 4, 2016.

Both of the officers named above are qualified and certified to perform the duties of a Dual-Status Commander.

This consent is provided contingent on the officer so named performing his duties as Dual-Status Commander consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement. This consent is also provided with the understanding that it may be withdrawn consistent with the terms set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nikki" and last name "Haley" clearly legible.

Nikki R. Haley  
Governor, State of South Carolina

NRH/rt