

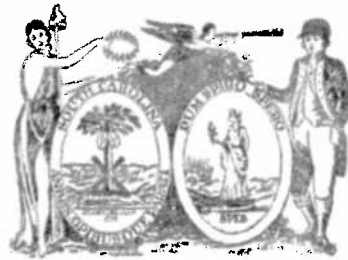
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SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2014-26

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2014, the S-8-9 Bridge, known as the Cypress Gardens Road Bridge, over CSX Railroad in Berkeley County was struck by a train, causing multiple spans of the bridge to collapse; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is currently closed to all traffic requiring immediate replacement of the bridge, diverting approximately 6,200 vehicles per day with a detour route of approximately 22 miles; and

WHEREAS, the scope of a bridge replacement required for this bridge is beyond the capability of the South Carolina Department of Transportation's Maintenance Forces but is necessary due to the significance of the bridge to the surrounding industries and to the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of Section 125 of Title 23 in the United States Code, which would allow SCDOT to seek Emergency Relief Funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby declare that an emergency exists as a result of the damage caused by a train striking the Cypress Gardens Road Bridge in Berkeley County and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation to undertake actions to replace the collapsed bridge. I further direct the Department of Transportation to obtain federal approval of the Federal Highway Division Administrator to make Federal Highway Division Emergency Relief assistance available to the State.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

Nikki R. Haley
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Governor

ATTEST

Mark Hammond

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