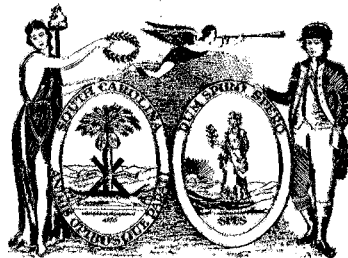


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WHEREAS, the State of Florida has been impacted by Hurricane Frances resulting in massive damages and has requested assistance from the State of South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in Section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida civil authorities have specifically requested the support of the South Carolina National Guard to assist in transportation, communications and resource distribution in response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted area.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby direct the Adjutant General to place on state active duty and utilize the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment, as he deems necessary, in consultation with the Governor's Office, to fulfill the mission in support of the State of Florida during this time of emergency. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Executive Order is retroactive to September 4, 2004.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY
OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

Mark Sanford
MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

Mark Hammond
MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE