

GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



A. LANE CRIBB, SHERIFF

October 14, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

As the State continues to recover from the unprecedented natural disaster that occurred across our State around October 4, 2015, many law enforcement agencies find themselves in need of additional law enforcement assistance in order to provide the proper and prudent exercise of public safety functions. Therefore, on behalf of several law enforcement agencies, we are respectfully requesting you to consider exercising your authority to waive the requirement for written contractual agreements between law enforcement providers pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 23-20-60.

This request should not be interpreted to be disrespectful to any offer of assistance to any state law enforcement authority or the South Carolina National Guard, as both state law enforcement and National Guard resources have been exemplary in offering their services and those organizations have played a vital role in our State's recovery efforts to this point. Rather, this request comes in an effort to maintain the proper and prudent exercise of public safety functions as our communities continue to recover, our resources become more limited, and the declaration of a state of emergency wanes. The necessity for this waiver should only be in place as long as we work to overcome the devastation of the natural disaster. Mutual aid agreements have been known to take several weeks, if not months, to be approved. We simply do not have that kind of time and seek your assistance in providing a high level of public safety.

In closing, we thank you for your continued support of first responders throughout this catastrophe. Your words have brought us comfort and motivation to continue on our mission. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Lane Cribb".

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb

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