



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

November 1, 2013

The Honorable Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
The Honorable Members of City Council
City of Georgetown
Drawer 939
Georgetown, South Carolina 29442

Dear Mayor Scoville and Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to carefully consider my recommendation to contract with a private company for the removal of debris from the Sampit River in the Georgetown Harbor, resulting from the fire on Front Street on September 25, 2013. As we discussed during our meeting in Georgetown on October 29, 2013, I believe that the private sector is a better choice than government in providing services to citizens, and it is upon that premise that I asked you to reconsider your request to contract with the National Guard for the debris removal.

However, as I committed to you from the very beginning, I am willing to support your decision as local elected officials to decide how your local funds are spent. Therefore, today, I have issued Executive Order 2013-10 permitting the National Guard to remove debris from the Georgetown Harbor in accordance with your request and your financial commitment from the City of Georgetown. A copy of my Executive Order is enclosed.

During these last few weeks, I have been inspired by the people and businesses of Georgetown who have shown tremendous spirit in the aftermath of the destruction on Front Street. You will always have my full support, and my Cabinet agencies and I look forward to continuing to work with you. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/rs

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you!" with a large exclamation point.

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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2013-10

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2013, a fire destroyed several historic buildings along the 700 Block of Front Street in the City of Georgetown, causing debris to fall into the Sampit River in the Georgetown Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Georgetown has requested the support of the South Carolina National Guard in removal of debris from the River and has agreed to use local funds to pay for all costs associated with this work; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide personnel and equipment necessary to assist in these recovery efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby permit the National Guard to be made available to the City of Georgetown for the removal of debris from the Sampit River in accordance with the request and financial commitment from the City of Georgetown.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

Nikki R. Haley

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

Mark Hammond

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State