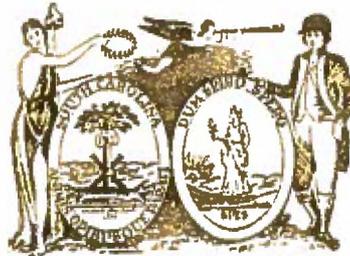


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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE

State of South Carolina

Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2015-27

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2015, by Executive Order 2015-21 the Governor issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency due to impending flash flooding, heavy rains, and the potential effects of Hurricane Joaquin. Parts of the State sustained extensive damages as a result of the heavy rains and flooding, leading to road and bridge closures, boil water advisories, compromised dams and power outages, which pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these hazardous conditions, state government offices were closed, delayed, or released early in accordance with county government offices as follows: On October 2, 2015, state offices in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties closed at noon. On October 5, 2015, state offices in Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland, Saluda, and Williamsburg counties were closed, and Sumter county was closed for non-essential personnel. On October 5, 2015, state offices were delayed in Darlington, Georgetown, Laurens, and McCormick counties. On October 6, 2015, Clarendon, Dorchester, Fairfield, Lee, Lexington, Kershaw, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties were closed, and Florence county was delayed. On October 7, 2015, Williamsburg and Dorchester counties were closed, and Clarendon and Sumter counties were delayed. On October 8, 2015, Richland and Williamsburg counties were closed, and Sumter county was delayed. On October 9, 2015, Richland and Williamsburg counties were closed. On October 12, 2015, Lancaster and Orangeburg counties were delayed; and

WHEREAS, as a result of road and bridge closures, sanitation concerns, or facility damage, state government offices were closed, delayed, or released early as outlined in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, other state government offices may have closed for “the necessary immediate evacuation of a facility by an individual in an appropriate supervisory capacity in the interest of personal safety” pursuant to State Human Resources Regulation 19-712.01 (K); and

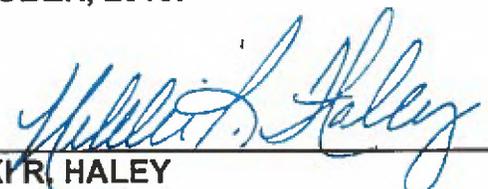
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the governor of this State may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the closing of state offices when the Governor declares a state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of South Carolina, I hereby grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work as directed and outlined above, due to the closing of state offices caused by hazardous conditions during a declared state of emergency.

This order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:



MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State

ATTACHMENT A

DATE	AGENCY/OFFICE	IF PARTIAL CLOSURE, HOURS CLOSED	REASON (IF PROVIDED)
10/9/2015	The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education in Lexington County	Closed all day	unsafe water
10/7/2015	SCDOT Headquarters in Richland County	Closed all day	drinking water and sanitation issues
10/7/2015	LLR Monticello Road facility (Fire & Life Safety)	Closed all day	Unable to access Monticello Rd. facility
10/7/2015	PEBA	Office closed at 3:30	water issues in the building
10/6/2015	Francis Marion University	Closed all day	Commuting issues for staff and students due to road closures
10/6/2015	Coastal Carolina University	Delayed open at 10:50 AM	Determining safety issues due to flooding of some facilities
10/5/2015	DJJ Orangeburg County Office	Closed all day	Floodings and road closures
10/5/2015	DJJ Pickens County Office	Closed all day	Multiple electrical issues/dangerous environment
10/5/2015	DJJ Newberry County Office	Closed all day	Staff not able to get to the office due to road and bridge closings
10/7/2015	DJJ Richland County Office	Closed 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Electrical problems in the courthouse buildings
10/8/2015	DJJ Georgetown County Office	Closed 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Weather conditions
10/8/2015	PRT Colonial Dorchester (Dorchester County)	Closed all day	Flooded Roads
10/10 - 10/13	PRT Sesquicentennial (Richland County)	Closed all day	Road issues and Threat of dam breaking
10/6 - 10/15	PRT Hampton Plantation (Charleston County)	Closed all day	No restrooms/Flooded roads
10/6 - 10/7	PRT Myrtle Beach (Horry County)	Closed all day	Sewer problems
10/4/2015	PRT Edisto Beach (Colleton County)	Closed all day	Flooded roads/park
10/5 - 10/6	Denmark Technical College (Bamberg County)	Closed all day	Commuting issues for employees due to road closures
10/5/2015	School for the Deaf and the Blind (all staff)	Closed all day	Campus damage

10/6 -10/9	School for the Deaf and the Blind (2nd and 3rd Shifts)	Closed	Bus and transportation issues for students
10/5/2015	Lander University	Closed	Personal safety due to flooding in the area, road closures and flooding on campus
10/7/2015	DHEC Columbia Mills Facility	Closed	Due to River and Canal Work/no water
10/7/2015	Voc Rehab Percival Rd Facility	Closed at 1:00 PM	water issues
10/3 - 10/4	PRT Horry County Welcome Center	Closed all day	Flooded Roads
10/4 -10/5	PRT Orangeburg County Welcome Center	Closed all day	Interstate 95 closed
10/5/2015	PRT Aiken, Cherokee, Dillon, Jasper, Spartanburg, York County Welcome Centers	Closed all day	Heeding the Governor's message to stay off of the roads
10/8/2015	DMH Santee Wateree MHC (Sumter County)	Closed all day	flooding
10/7/2015	Dept of Education Parklane Office	Closed all day	Personal safety concerns
10/7/2015	State Museum	Closed all day	Due to River and Canal Work/no water
10/7/2015	Procurement Review Panel	Closed all day	water issues
10/6/2015	Judicial Department Circuit and Family Court (Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Darlington, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, McCormick)	Closed all day	Road conditions and flooding
10/7/2015	Judicial Department Circuit and Family Court (Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, McCormick, Richland, Saluda, Sumter)	Closed all day	Road conditions and flooding
10/8 - 10/9	Judicial Department Circuit and Family Court (Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Kershaw, McCormick, Saluda, Sumter)	Closed all day	Road conditions and flooding
10/6/2015	DHHS Calhoun County Office	Closed all day	flooding
10/5/2015	USC Salk Allendale Campus	Closed all day	Personal safety
10/7/2015	USC Sumter	Closed all day	Concerns about roads