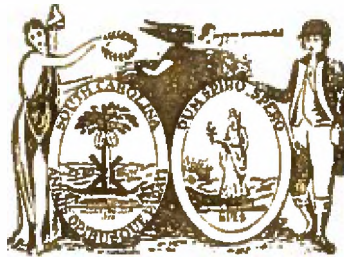


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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER No.

2016-46

WHEREAS, as the State of South Carolina continues to recover from the effects of Hurricane Matthew, there exists a continued need to conduct building and other structural inspections to ensure the safety, security, welfare, and property of citizens living in Marion County, a county that was particularly decimated by river flooding following the effects of Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, officials representing Marion County have requested additional support to augment existing building inspection capacity, which is significantly limited, for the estimated 1,100 homes in the flood plain that still need to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated under Sections 40-3-325 and 40-22-295 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, which allow volunteer Engineers and Architects to be provided immunity from wrongful personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, or other loss caused by the licensed Engineers' or Architects' acts, errors, or omissions in performing the architectural engineering services for a structure, building, piping, or other engineered system, either publicly or privately owned; and

WHEREAS, this Administration is committed to supporting local governments and communities in need recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in Marion County for the limited purpose of supporting volunteer Engineer and Architectural personnel to assist with housing assessments and other recovery efforts in Marion County.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall last through December 18, 2016.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 18th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2016.



NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:



MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State