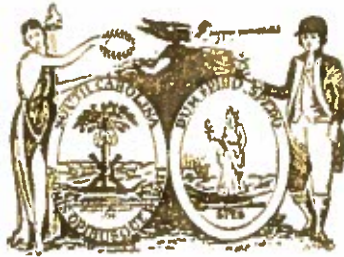


State of South Carolina  
Executive Department

**FILED**

DEC 21 2016

*Mark Hammond*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2016-49

**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 initially requested additional support to augment existing building inspection capacity, which is significantly limited, for an estimated 1,100 homes in the flood plain that still need to be assessed; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of homes upon further assessment was approximately 1,465, of which 800 homes have been inspected utilizing 4,000 hours of volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 665 homes remaining to be inspected; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 January 20, 2017.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 21st DAY OF  
December, 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NIKKI R. HALEY  
Governor

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State