

Executive Order No. 2017-24

WHEREAS, effective at 2:00 PM on September 7, 2017, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2017-23, ordering a mandatory medical evacuation of healthcare facilities in stated zones within the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing evacuation order was issued in light of the force and anticipated impact of Hurricane Irma and the resulting threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities and was deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the latest weather forecasts and other relevant information, the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) has determined that the anticipated impact of Hurricane Irma conditions throughout the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry no longer pose an imminent threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of residents and patients of healthcare facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation order for the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry, effective at 2:00 PM on September 8, 2017.

FURTHER, nothing in this Order prohibits local officials from restricting access to areas of danger to ensure the safety, security, and welfare of healthcare facility residents, patients, and visitors during the State of Emergency and any recovery period.

FURTHER, all healthcare facilities in the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry should still monitor the weather and exercise due caution to ensure that safe conditions continue to exist for residents, patients, and visitors.

FURTHER, this Order to rescind does not affect the mandatory medical evacuation of healthcare facilities in Beaufort County (all Zones), Colleton County (Zones A, B), and Jasper County (Zones A, B) as set forth in Executive Order 2017-23. Pursuant to Executive Order 2017-23, healthcare facilities in Beaufort County (all Zones), Colleton County (Zones A, B), and Jasper County (Zones A, B) should have initiated processes to facilitate evacuation prior to Hurricane Irma’s impact or requested an exemption to shelter in place pursuant to the Department’s Critical Data Sheet (CDS).

This Order shall take effect at 2:00 PM on September 8, 2017. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-25

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has advised that Hurricane Irma may impact the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma, and the associated wind, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather, represents a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and requires that the State take timely precautions to protect property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Irma and placing into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Executive of this State, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, I am authorized to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if such action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that the evacuation of certain barrier islands specified herein is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order the evacuation, effective 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2017, of all persons located in the specified barrier islands in Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach), with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, as designated by the appropriate municipal, county, or special purpose district officials, necessary to provide essential services during or immediately following the event. All other persons outside of these areas who have safety concerns should voluntarily relocate to areas of safety. Specific details regarding the areas for evacuation are attached to this Executive Order.

Any persons or non-Emergency Management personnel who remain in the evacuation zones, and any medical facilities, nursing home facilities, businesses, or other organizations or entities, who allow persons under their charge to remain in the evacuation zones, thereby become responsible for their own safety and well-being and for the safety and well-being of those under their charge. Any such persons or entities are charged with the knowledge that should they need the assistance of emergency personnel or services, those personnel or services may not be available or capable of coming to their aid.

FURTHER, I hereby direct that specified units of the South Carolina National Guard, at the discretion of the Adjutant General in consultation with the Director of the Emergency Management Division (EMD), may remain on duty to assist civil authorities in these areas, including Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 13 and 16, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), taking all reasonable precautions as necessary for the preservation of life and property. The South Carolina National Guard may supplement units as needed. DPS will remain to assist with all traffic control points as assigned and needed. Persons in other areas near the projected path of Hurricane Irma, or in inland areas near the barrier islands identified herein, should take all precautions necessary to ensure their protection from potential high winds, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-26

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-25, ordering the evacuation, effective 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2017, of all persons located on certain specified barrier islands in Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach), with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, because of the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the conditions now exist for county authorities to make decisions about the return of persons to Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach); and

WHEREAS, despite rescission of the order to evacuate persons located in above areas, these counties may still identify and restrict specific areas to ensure the safety of residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby rescind the evacuation order for the areas set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-25, effective at 9:15 a.m. on September 12, 2017. Accordingly, all persons may now return to the barrier islands in Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach) at the direction of county officials.

FURTHER, nothing in this Order prohibits local officials from establishing a curfew or restricting access to areas of danger and thereby authorizes state officers to enforce local curfews to help ensure the welfare of and safety of residents and visitors during the recovery period.

FURTHER, all residents and visitors traveling in and returning to these counties should exercise due caution to travel safely across roads and bridges and should understand that portions of these areas, including their homes, may be without power.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH**

**CAROLINA, THIS 12th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-27

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-23, ordering a mandatory medical evacuation, effective 2:00 p.m., September 7, 2017, of healthcare facilities in stated zones within several counties; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-24, rescinding the mandatory medical evacuation, effective 2:00 p.m., September 8, 2017, for the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, and Horry; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-24 did not rescind the mandatory medical evacuation of healthcare facilities in Beaufort County (all Zones), Colleton County (Zones A, B), and Jasper County (Zones A, B) as set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-23, and these counties initiated processes to facilitate evacuation prior to Hurricane Irma's impact or requested an exemption to shelter in place pursuant to the Department of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) Critical Data Sheet (CDS); and

WHEREAS, the foregoing decisions were made due to the force of Hurricane Irma and the imminent threat to the safety, security, and welfare of the residents and patients of coastal healthcare facilities and deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, it has been made known to me by the Department that the effects of Hurricane Irma and the conditions throughout the counties of Beaufort, Colleton, and Jasper no longer pose an imminent threat to the life, health, safety, or welfare of patients and residents of these healthcare facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby rescind the mandatory medical evacuation order for the counties of Beaufort, Colleton, and Jasper, effective 9:15 a.m., September 12, 2017.

FURTHER, nothing in this Order prohibits local officials from restricting access to areas of danger to ensure the welfare and safety of healthcare facility patients, residents, and visitors during the recovery period.

FURTHER, all healthcare facilities in the counties of Beaufort, Colleton, and Jasper should still monitor the weather and exercise due caution to ensure that safe conditions continue to exist for residents, patients, and visitors.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH**

**CAROLINA, THIS 12th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-28

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency due to the significant threat posed by Hurricane Irma approaching the State of South Carolina and directing that all prudent precautions be taken and preparations be made at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-25, ordering the evacuation, effective 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2017, of all persons located on certain specified barrier islands in Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach), with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, because of the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-26, rescinding the evacuation order, effective 9:15 a.m., September 12, 2017, for the areas set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-25, while also authorizing local and county officials to restrict access to areas identified as dangerous and to make further decisions about the return of persons to areas impacted by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing Orders and other State actions, the significant threat presented by Hurricane Irma, and the resulting hazardous weather conditions, it became necessary for many banks and savings and loan institutions in this State to close or remain closed from September 6, 2017, through September 12, 2017, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 53-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, banks and savings and loan institutions in this State were already prohibited from transacting business on Sunday, September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, section 53-5-55 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to declare additional legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions whenever the Governor finds such additional holiday or holidays to be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, I am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State and have carefully considered the foregoing circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby declare that September 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, 2017, shall be legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina that were forced to close or remain closed from September 6, 2017, through September 12, 2017, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days, due to the foregoing Orders or other State actions, the significant threat presented by Hurricane Irma, or the resulting hazardous weather conditions. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 13 DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-29

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma, and the associated wind, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather, represented a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and required that the State take timely precautions to protect property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency due to the significant threat posed by Hurricane Irma, placing into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan, and directing that all prudent precautions be taken and preparations be made at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rain and localized flooding associated with Hurricane Irma presented a significant risk of overtopping erosion or destruction of dams or reservoirs, which independently posed a serious danger to persons and property, as this State previously experienced in connection with Hurricane Joaquin in 2015 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, on September 7, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-22, ordering, *inter alia*, all dam and reservoir “Owner[s],” as defined by section 49-11-120(9) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to evaluate their impoundments and determine if water levels could be safely lowered to accommodate incoming flows and to coordinate releases of water with downstream dam or property owners and directing the Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) to take certain actions to prevent dam and reservoir failures and to employ any and all remedial measures deemed necessary pursuant to the South Carolina Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act, codified as amended at sections 49-11-110 to 49-11-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to protect persons and property in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Department has advised that the effects of Hurricane Irma and the foregoing concerns and conditions no longer pose an imminent threat to persons and property in this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby rescind Executive Order No. 2017-22, effective 10:00 a.m., September 13, 2017. Nothing in this Order prohibits the Department from continuing further monitoring during the recovery period or taking other remedial measures deemed necessary in accordance with the South Carolina Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act to protect persons and property in this State.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 13 DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-30

WHEREAS, Florida has been impacted by Hurricane Irma, resulting in disaster, severe flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, and Florida Governor Rick Scott has issued an Executive Order dated September 4, 2017 declaring a state of emergency in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida has requested assistance from South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), as provided in section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas and specifically to fulfill Florida's request to assist in response to this disaster pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby direct the Adjutant General to place on state duty and utilize the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division and in consultation with the Governor's Office, to fulfill the mission in support of the State of Florida. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire when the emergency situation in Florida is ended, or in thirty (30) days, whichever comes first.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 14th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-31

WHEREAS, there presently exists a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer of Barnwell County due to the resignation of Wendall Gibson, Jr., effective August 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy in the office of a county treasurer, the undersigned is authorized to appoint a suitable person, who shall be an elector of the county, to serve as county treasurer pursuant to sections 1-3-220(2), 4-11-20(1), and 12-45-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Megan C. Elkins, residing at 2650 Moore Road, Barnwell, South Carolina 29485, is a fit and proper person to serve as the Treasurer of Barnwell County.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby appoint Megan C. Elkins to serve as Treasurer of Barnwell County, effective immediately, until the next general election and until her successor shall qualify as provided by law.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 18 DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-32

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Irma approaching the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the threat of hazardous weather conditions from Hurricane Irma, several state government offices were closed, delayed, or dismissed early in accordance with county government offices on Friday, September 8, 2017; Monday, September 11, 2017; and Tuesday, September 12, 2017; listed as follows:

Closed - Friday, September 8, 2017: Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, and Jasper;

Early Dismissal - Friday, September 8, 2017: Beaufort and Colleton;

Closed - Monday, September 11, 2017: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg;

Early Dismissal - Monday, September 11, 2017: Abbeville, Anderson, Dillon, Lancaster, Laurens, Marion, Oconee, and Pickens;

Closed – Tuesday, September 12, 2017: Allendale, Barnwell, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, McCormick, Oconee, and Pickens; and

Delayed – Tuesday, September 12, 2017: Abbeville, Anderson, Clarendon, Lancaster, Lexington, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Governor may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to a State of Emergency or hazardous conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work due to the closure, early dismissal, or delayed start as a result of the State of Emergency on Friday, September 8, 2017; Monday, September 11, 2017; and Tuesday, September 12, 2017, as listed more fully above. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH**

**CAROLINA, THIS 20th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-33

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico has been impacted by Hurricane Maria, resulting in significant and widespread devastation, and Governor Ricardo Rosselló–Nevarés has issued an Executive Order dated September 17, 2017, declaring a state of emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has requested assistance from the State of South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas and to fulfill Puerto Rico’s request to assist in response to this disaster pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby direct the Adjutant General to place on state duty and utilize the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division, and in consultation with the Governor’s Office, to fulfill the mission in support of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire when the emergency situation in Puerto Rico is ended or in thirty (30) days, whichever comes first.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 27th DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-34

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County due to the resignation of Charlie Lybrand, effective October 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy in a county office, the undersigned is authorized to appoint a suitable person, who shall be an elector of the county, to serve in such office pursuant to sections 1-3-220(2) and 4-11-20(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Elaine H. Bozman, residing at 1448 Glencoe Drive, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464, is a fit and proper person to serve as the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby appoint Elaine H. Bozman to serve as the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston County, effective October 20, 2017, until the next general election and until her successor shall qualify as provided by law.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 27 DAY OF OCTOBER,
2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2017-35

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico has been impacted by Hurricane Maria, resulting in significant and widespread devastation, and Governor Ricardo Rosselló–Nevares has issued an Executive Order dated September 17, 2017, declaring a state of emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico requested assistance from the State of South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-33, ordering the South Carolina National Guard to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas and to fulfill Puerto Rico’s request to assist in response to this disaster pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-33 expires on October 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency still exists throughout the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Governor Ricardo Rosselló–Nevares has requested further assistance through December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby direct the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor’s Office, to continue the deployment of the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division to fulfill the mission in support of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should still be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire when the emergency situation in Puerto Rico is ended or on December 31, 2017, whichever comes first.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 24th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2017.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

Executive Order No. 2017-36

WHEREAS, James H. Harrison, a member of the Board of Visitors of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, has been indicted by the State Grand Jury for Misconduct in Office, in violation of section 8-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; Criminal Conspiracy, in violation of section 16-17-410 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and Common Law Misconduct in Office; and

WHEREAS, James H. Harrison, as a member of the Board of Visitors of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, is an officer of the State or its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides, in relevant part, that “[a]ny officer of the State or its political subdivisions . . . who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude . . . may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted”; and

WHEREAS, under South Carolina law, moral turpitude “implies something immoral in itself,” *State v. Horton*, 271 S.C. 413, 414, 248 S.E.2d 263, 263 (1978), and “involves an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the social duties which a man owes to his fellow man or society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between man and man,” *State v. Major*, 301 S.C. 181, 186, 391 S.E.2d 235, 238 (1990); and

WHEREAS, one or more of the crimes charged in the Indictments constitute “a crime involving moral turpitude”; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, I am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that James H. Harrison shall be and hereby is suspended from his office as a member of the Board of Visitors of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, until such time as the above-referenced charges are resolved, at which time further appropriate action will be taken by the undersigned. This action in no manner addresses the guilt or innocence of James H. Harrison and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion on such question. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 24th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2017.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

Executive Order No. 2017-37

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Irma approaching the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the threat of hazardous weather conditions from Hurricane Irma, several state government offices were closed, delayed, or dismissed early in accordance with county government offices on Friday, September 8, 2017; Monday, September 11, 2017; and Tuesday, September 12, 2017; as listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32;

WHEREAS, the following additional counties should also be identified as dismissing early on September 11, 2017:

Fairfield County, early dismissal at 3:00 PM;
Florence County, early dismissal at 4:00 PM;
McCormick County, early dismissal at 1:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, two counties have provided the following updated information, which differs from the information set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-32:

Lancaster County and Lexington County were listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32 as delayed on September 12, 2017; however, state government offices in both counties started on time and had no delays;
Lancaster County, early dismissal at 4:00 PM on September 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Governor may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to a State of Emergency or hazardous conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work as listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32 and as provided in the above additions and updates. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 26th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**