

**Executive Order No. 2018-03**

**WHEREAS**, the first week of 2018 represented one of the coldest weather periods on record for the State of South Carolina and presented various hazardous weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings and winter weather advisories for large portions of South Carolina in connection with a severe winter storm that began on January 3, 2018, and produced a combination of snow, sleet, and freezing rain and resulted in significant accumulations of snow and ice and other hazardous weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the foregoing hazardous weather conditions, it became necessary for many banks and savings and loan institutions in this State to close or remain closed from January 3, 2018, through January 4, 2018, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days; 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 January 3, 2018, and January 4, 2018, 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 January 3, 2018, through January 4, 2018, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days, due to the foregoing hazardous weather conditions. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY,  
2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**