

Executive Order No. 2015-25

WHEREAS, 20 counties in South Carolina have been declared disaster areas by a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration, and it is anticipated that additional counties may be added to the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the flash flooding and heavy rains in these declared counties caused extensive damage to dams, water systems, roads, bridges, homes, and businesses and have left many individuals without food, water, shelter or other basic necessities and have left communities to cope with infrastructure, public safety, and public health concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in those 20 counties of South Carolina declared federal disaster areas and any other counties that may be added to the declaration and direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the effects of the flash flooding and heavy rains.

FURTHER, I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty pursuant to my authority under Section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and I will do so by directing the Adjutant General to issue supplemental orders. I further order the utilization of the South Carolina National Guard's personnel with appropriate equipment, at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the citizens of this state.

Further proclamations and regulations deemed necessary to insure 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.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 15th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2015.**

NIKKI R. HALEY