

Executive Order No. 2015-28

WHEREAS, either the State of South Carolina or certain counties declared to be Presidential Major Disaster areas have been under a State of Emergency since October 1, 2015, due to the effects of the historic flood; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Clarendon County and the City of Columbia have continued, immediate needs to make emergency repairs to essential infrastructure systems damaged by the flood; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard, possessing the personnel and equipment necessary to restore the serviceability of infrastructure, has served the local governments in South Carolina with pride and distinction during the flood response and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, as Commander in Chief pursuant to Article IV, Section 13 of the State Constitution, I may order the National Guard into active service to perform duties as I deem proper in the event of a public disaster or local emergency whenever the lives and property of the State's citizens are threatened in accordance with Sections 25-1-1820(g) and 25-1-1840(d) of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, it is one of the highest priorities of my Administration to ensure that the State of South Carolina recovers from the historic flood efficiently, expeditiously, and in a manner that best protects the safety and welfare of the public and public property, and it is fit and proper that the National Guard continue to support these operations where the scope is beyond the capacity of a county or municipality.

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 place certain units and personnel of the National Guard on State Active Duty status for the purpose of making emergency repairs to infrastructure and direct the Adjutant General to utilize certain National Guard personnel and equipment to support restoration operations in Clarendon County, the City of Columbia, and other local governments as determined prior to November 2, 2015. I further direct the Adjutant General to coordinate operations with local officials, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FURTHER, I order that National Guardsmen activated in accordance with this Order shall remain on State Active Duty status until identified missions are complete but shall not be on State Active Duty status passed November 25, 2015.

Nothing herein limits the Adjutant General to provide other services performed by the National Guard or State Guard to state agencies or local governments as he and I deem necessary to accomplish statewide recovery operations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire no later than November 25, 2015.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER,
2015.**

**NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor**