

Executive Order No. 2016-29

WHEREAS, I have declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2016-26 due to Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan was placed into effect in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas where the effect of Hurricane Matthew could be experienced;

WHEREAS, I am authorized pursuant to Section 25-1-440 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, as the Elected Chief Executive of the State to direct the closure of schools necessary to support the evacuation and sheltering of the public from those areas threatened by the impacts of Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that schools and buses are required to safeguard the public evacuated from the specified zones in accordance with the forthcoming evacuation order which will be issued for October 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, I am also authorized pursuant to Section 25-1-440 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, as the Elected Chief Executive of the State to direct the closure of State, County and Municipal government offices to effectuate and support the evacuation of the public from those areas threatened by the impacts of Hurricane Matthew.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of South Carolina, I do hereby order all schools in Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Aiken (Southern Conglomerate); Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington (Central Conglomerate), and Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Marion, Florence, Dillon, Clarendon, Sumter, Darlington, Lee, Marlboro (Northern Conglomerate) to close beginning Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in order to support shelter operations and mass transportation of the public with critical transportation needs. The duration of this closure for these Conglomerates is for the duration of shelter operations, which will be open for the period of the evacuation and until conditions allow the public to return, with closure at least through Friday, October 7, 2016.

FURTHER, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of South Carolina, I do hereby order all State, County, and Municipal government offices in Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Aiken (Southern Conglomerate); Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington (Central Conglomerate), and Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Marion, Florence, Dillon, Clarendon, Sumter, Darlington, Lee, Marlboro (Northern Conglomerate) to close beginning Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in order to support evacuation operations and mass transportation of the public with critical transportation needs. This Order affects all employees except for those emergency, governmental, or essential personnel whose presence the Director of said State, County or Municipal government office deems necessary. The duration of closure will be for the period of the evacuation through close of business Friday, October 7, 2016.

FURTHER, Proclamations and Orders related to the closure of schools or State, County and Municipal government offices that are deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor