

Executive Order No. 2016-33

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center advises that Hurricane Matthew will strike the coast of South Carolina and 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; and

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 and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that evacuation is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened area.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of South Carolina, effective at 4:00 PM, October 6, 2016, I do hereby order an evacuation of all persons located in the specified Evacuation Zone B in Colleton and Jasper counties 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 for essential services during or immediately following the event. All other persons are ordered to evacuate the areas as expeditiously as possible. Specific details of the areas for the evacuation are attached.

Any persons or non-Emergency Management personnel who remain in the evacuation zones, and any medical facilities, nursing home facilities, businesses and/or other organizations 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. They 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.

I further 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 Preparedness Division (EMD), may remain on duty to assist civil authorities in these counties, including Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 13 and 16, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), taking all reasonable precautions as necessary for the preservation of life and property. 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 inland counties near the projected path of Hurricane Matthew should take all precautions to ensure their protection from potential high winds and inland flooding.

Further Proclamations and Orders 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.

Specific details of the areas for the evacuation are attached.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.**

**NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor**