

**Executive Order No. 2017-03**

**WHEREAS**, from January 7, 2017 to January 9, 2017, the National Weather Service began issuing Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories for much of South Carolina, forecasting periods of snow, sleet, and temperatures below freezing in parts of South Carolina leading to the possibility of hazardous driving conditions and power outages, which pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the threat of hazardous weather conditions, state offices were closed or delayed in the following counties as follows: Saturday, January 7, 2017 (Cherokee, Oconee, Spartanburg, and York Counties); and Monday, January 9, 2017 (Lancaster and Spartanburg Counties); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the governor of this State may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to a State of Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of South Carolina, I hereby grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work as directed on Saturday, January 7, 2017, and Monday, January 9, 2017, as a result of hazardous weather conditions caused by winter weather.

This order shall take effect immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2017.**

**NIKKI R. HALEY  
Governor**