

Executive Order No. 2017-35

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico has been impacted by Hurricane Maria, resulting in significant and widespread devastation, and Governor Ricardo Rosselló–Nevarés has issued an Executive Order dated September 17, 2017, declaring a state of emergency throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico requested assistance from the State of South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-33, ordering the South Carolina National Guard to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas and to fulfill Puerto Rico’s request to assist in response to this disaster pursuant to the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2017-33 expires on October 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency still exists throughout the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Governor Ricardo Rosselló–Nevarés has requested further assistance through December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby direct the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor’s Office, to continue the deployment of the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division to fulfill the mission in support of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should still be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire when the emergency situation in Puerto Rico is ended or on December 31, 2017, whichever comes first.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 24th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**