

Executive Order No. 2019-28

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined from the latest forecast models that Hurricane Dorian, which is currently a category 5 hurricane, may impact the State of South Carolina and other areas in the southeastern region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been advised that Hurricane Dorian, including the associated wind, heavy rain, flash flooding, and other severe weather, represents a significant threat to the State of South Carolina, which requires that the State take timely precautions to protect and preserve property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, due to the potential impact of Hurricane Dorian, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2019-26 on August 31, 2019, declaring that a State of Emergency exists throughout the State of South Carolina and activating the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

WHEREAS, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, the undersigned is authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if such action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; and

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (“EMD”) and other authorities, the undersigned has determined that an evacuation is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the 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 order and direct as follows:

Section 1. I hereby order the evacuation, effective at noon, September 2, 2019, of all persons located in the following Evacuation Zones, which are detailed further in **Exhibit A**: Jasper (Zone A), Beaufort (Zone A), Colleton (Zones A and B), Charleston (Zones A, B, and C), Dorchester (Zone D), Berkeley (Zones B and G), Georgetown (Zone A), and Horry (Zone A), 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 essential services during or immediately following the event. All other persons are ordered to evacuate the affected areas as expeditiously as possible.

Any persons or non-emergency management personnel who remain in the Evacuation Zones, and any medical facilities, nursing home facilities, businesses, or other organizations or entities that allow or require persons under their charge to remain in the Evacuation Zones are responsible for the safety and well-being of themselves and of those under their charge. Any such persons or entities are hereby 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 rendering aid. Persons in other areas near the projected path of Hurricane Dorian should take all precautions necessary to ensure their protection from potential high winds, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather.

Section 2. I hereby direct that specified units of the South Carolina National Guard, at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in consultation with the Director of the EMD, may remain on duty to assist civil authorities in these areas, including Emergency Support Functions 13 and 16, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (“DPS”), and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (“SLED”), with such personnel taking all reasonable and necessary precautions for the preservation of life and property. The South Carolina National Guard may supplement units as needed, and DPS may remain on duty and available to assist with all traffic control points as necessary and assigned.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 1st DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2019.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**