

Executive Order No. 2018-45

**Granting Paid Leave to Georgetown County State Employees Due to Hazardous Weather
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 Through Friday, September 28, 2018**

WHEREAS, the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence impacted the coastal and inland areas of South Carolina, and certain parts of the state received 2-4 feet of storm surge, heavy rainfall in the double-digits, high gusts of wind, and river levels several feet above the major flood stage, all of which led to flash flooding, downed trees and power lines, and other debris causing roadways and bridges to be dangerous and impassable; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Florence impacted water levels in North Carolina as well, with water flowing down through South Carolina rivers and bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative rainfall in both states created swollen rivers, that ran into the Waccamaw and Pee Dee Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown County officials told persons to evacuate low-lying areas near the Waccamaw and Pee Dee Rivers on September 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned directed state employees to follow county closures due to the hazardous weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, county officials closed county offices in Georgetown County on Tuesday, September 25 through Friday, September 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges), closed pursuant to the undersigned's advice and directive to follow county closures; 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 or hazardous conditions.

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 grant leave with pay to Georgetown County state employees for the days of work missed on September 25 through September 28, 2018, due to hazardous weather. Employees may only receive pay on the dates the employee was absent from work because the state office was closed (following county office closures).

This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER,
2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**