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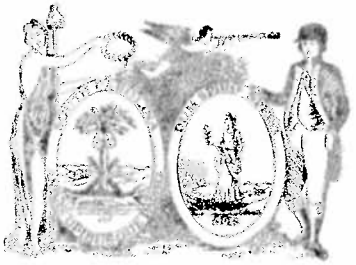

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2011-17

WHEREAS, there exists a state of emergency in North Carolina due to the effects of Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the movement of vehicles and loads that are transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina wishes to implement a companion policy authorizing the South Carolina Department of Transportation to waive certain restrictions concerning weight, length and height of loads that are transporting materials as stated above, with coordination and cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Transport Police as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby order the Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the Department of Transportation to waive certain size and weight restrictions and penalties under the provisions set out in 23 CFR 658.17(h) and S.C. Code Sections 57-3-130(B)(1) and 56-5-70(B).

FURTHER, such weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of South Carolina shall not exceed the following:

(a) Maximum dimensions of 12' wide, 13.6" high and weights of 90,000 pounds is authorized continuous travel on interstate routes. Posted bridges may not be crossed. All vehicles must be operated in a safe manner, shall not damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic, shall maintain the required limits of insurance and shall provide appropriate documentation indicating it is responding to this emergency.

(b) Any dimensions and/or weight of vehicles that exceed the above must obtain a permit with defined routes from the South Carolina Oversized/Overweight Permit office. To order a permit, please call 803-737-6769 during normal business hours, 8:30am-5:00pm.

(c) Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as required in the South Carolina Code of Laws relating to oversize/overweight loads operating on South Carolina roadways.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State