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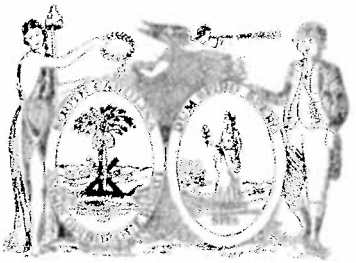

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-04

WHEREAS, on March 31 through April 3, 2012, heavy rains caused severe erosion to the south abutment of the bridge located on S-182 (Laurens Street) in Aiken County, causing the bridge to settle 10 to 12 inches; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the erosion resulted in closure of the bridge and the need for immediate shoring to stabilize the structure to prevent its collapse onto the short line rail underneath the bridge; and

WHEREAS, a complete bridge replacement required for this bridge is beyond the scope of extraordinary maintenance; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of Section 125 of Title 23, United States Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby declare that an emergency exists as a result of the erosion caused by heavy rains at the Laurens Street Bridge in Aiken County and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation to undertake actions to replace the collapsing bridge to ensure the safety and well-being of the traveling public. I further direct the Department of Transportation to obtain the federal approval of the Federal Highway Division Administrator to make Federal Highway Division Emergency Relief assistance available to the State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE