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WHEREAS, on September 25, 2013, a fire destroyed several historic buildings containing both businesses and residences along the 700 Block of Front Street in the City of Georgetown in Georgetown County; and

WHEREAS, the fire impacted the heart of the economy in the City of Georgetown, greatly affecting tourism and industry, which prompted the City of Georgetown and Georgetown County to request recovery support from the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government allocates funds to the Community Development Block Grant program to be disbursed by the South Carolina Department of Commerce for the purpose of assisting local governments to improve economic opportunities and meet community revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of the South Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program Plan pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq. and 24 C.F.R. Part 570, Subpart I.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that an emergency exists as a result of fire destruction to the historic district in the City of Georgetown for the purpose of directing the Department of Commerce to undertake actions to allocate funds from the Community Development Block Grant to be used for economic recovery in the Georgetown community.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State