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SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-09

WHEREAS, a severe winter weather storm was reported by the National Weather Service to occur throughout the State of South Carolina between January 28, 2014 and January 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, temperatures were forecast to drop below freezing for multiple days, making road conditions extremely hazardous for the general public, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, because of the dangerous conditions, state government offices were closed as follows: On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, state government offices were closed in Allendale, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Orangeburg, Richland, and Williamsburg; closed a half-hour early in Chester; closed one hour early in Anderson, Chesterfield, Greenwood, Laurens, Marlboro, Pickens, and Union; closed one-and-a-half hours early in Saluda; closed two hours early in Calhoun and Oconee; closed two-and-a-half hours early in Lancaster; closed three hours early in Barnwell, Beaufort, Hampton, Lexington, and McCormick; closed four hours early in Lee and Marion; closed five hours early in Berkeley, Charleston, Darlington, Edgefield, and Sumter; and closed six-and-a-half hours early in Dorchester. On Wednesday, January 29, 2014, state government offices were delayed three-and-a-half hours in Chester and Horry Counties and closed in the remaining 44 counties. On Thursday, January 30, 2014, state government offices were delayed one hour in Bamberg; delayed one-and-a-half hours in Barnwell, Calhoun, Clarendon, Florence, Jasper, McCormick, and Sumter; delayed two hours in Aiken, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Georgetown, Lexington, Oconee, Richland, and York; delayed two-and-a-half hours in Edgefield, Hampton, Lee, Orangeburg, and Saluda; delayed three hours in Williamsburg; delayed three-and-a-half hours in Beaufort, Dorchester, Horry, Lancaster, Marion, and Spartanburg; and delayed four hours in Charleston; and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storm, which occurred between January 28, 2014 and January 30, 2014 and resulted in accumulations of snow, ice, and freezing rain

throughout the State, has concluded and no longer poses a significant statewide danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to § 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, all state employees absent from work as directed on January 28, 29, and 30, 2014 due to the closing of state offices caused by hazardous weather conditions are hereby granted leave with pay.

This order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State