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SECRETARY OF STATE

State of South Carolina
Executive Department

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-16

WHEREAS, a severe winter weather storm was reported by the National Weather Service to occur throughout the State of South Carolina between February 11, 2014 and February 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, accumulations of snow, ice, and freezing rain for multiple days made 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, February 11, 2014, state government offices were closed in Fairfield; closed at 4:00 p.m. in Laurens; closed at 3:30 p.m. in Marion; closed at 3:00 p.m. in Darlington, Newberry, and Spartanburg; closed at 2:30 p.m. in Lee; closed at 2:00 p.m. in Florence; closed at 1:30 p.m. in Chester and Saluda; closed at 1:00 p.m. in Kershaw and McCormick; closed at 12:30 p.m. in Anderson; closed at 12:00 p.m. in Chesterfield, Dillon, and Union; and closed at 11:00 a.m. in Cherokee, Lancaster, and Marlboro. On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, state government offices were delayed until 10:30 a.m. and dismissed at 2:00 p.m. in Horry; delayed until 11:00 a.m. in Georgetown; and closed in the remaining 44 counties with the exception of Beaufort, Colleton, and Jasper. On Thursday, February 13, 2014, state government offices were delayed until 10:30 a.m. in Beaufort and Horry; delayed until 11:00 a.m. in Jasper; delayed until 12:00 p.m. in Williamsburg; and closed in the remaining 43 counties with the exception of Georgetown. On Friday, February 14, 2014, state government offices were delayed until 9:30 a.m. in Marlboro and McCormick; delayed until 10:00 a.m. in Anderson, Clarendon, Greenville, and Greenwood; delayed until 10:30 a.m. in Abbeville, Calhoun, Cherokee, Dillon, and Newberry; delayed until 11:00 a.m. in Kershaw and Orangeburg; delayed until 11:30 a.m. in Chesterfield and Lexington; delayed until 12:00 p.m. in Darlington, Spartanburg, Sumter and Williamsburg; delayed until 1:00 p.m. in Chester; and closed in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Marion, Richland, Saluda, and York.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to § 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, all state employees absent from work as directed on February 11, 12, 13, and 14, 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 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State