

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-25

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2024-24, declaring a State of Emergency in connection with Hurricane Helene, which made landfall along the coast of the State of Florida as a major hurricane and subsequently impacted the State of South Carolina and other areas in the southeastern region of the United States with strong winds, significant and sustained rainfall, flash flooding, tornadoes, and other dangerous conditions, causing extensive damage to public and private property and critical utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, while South Carolina continues to respond to and recover from the devastating and ongoing impacts associated with Hurricane Helene, at least 41 South Carolinians lost their lives in connection with this extraordinary natural event, unfortunately surpassing the number of lives lost in 1989 as a result of Hurricane Hugo; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[u]pon the occurrence of an extraordinary event resulting in death . . . , the Governor may order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff at a designated time or for a designated period of time.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that all flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Friday, October 4, 2024, in tribute to, and as a mark of respect for the memories of, the innocent South Carolinians who lost their lives as a result of Hurricane Helene. I request that the flags

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over state buildings and buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be
flown at half-staff for this purpose. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ,
THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER,
2024.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State