

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-30

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, as a result of the foregoing hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts, to include widespread and significant disruptions in critical utility services, the undersigned has been advised that it became necessary for certain banks and savings and loan institutions in this State to close or remain closed on one or more days during the period from September 27, 2024, through October 7, 2024, or to otherwise operate on an altered or abbreviated schedule or cease transacting business on one or more such days; and

WHEREAS, section 53-5-55 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “in South Carolina holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions shall be those holidays observed by the Federal Reserve Bank” but that “[i]n addition to the holidays provided for in this section, the Governor may declare any other day or days of the year legal holidays for the institutions affected by this section whenever the Governor finds such additional holiday or holidays to be necessary or appropriate”; and

WHEREAS, in view of the aforementioned circumstances, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary to declare additional legal banking holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina that were required to close or remain closed on one or more days during the period from September 27, 2024, through October 7, 2024, or to otherwise operate on an altered or abbreviated schedule or cease transacting business on one or

more such days, due to the hazardous weather conditions associated with Hurricane Helene or the impacts associated with the same.

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 the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Declaring Additional Legal Banking Holidays Due to Hurricane Helene and Related Impacts

A. In consideration of the foregoing circumstances, I hereby declare that September 27, 2024, through October 7, 2024, shall be legal banking holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina that were forced to close or remain closed, or to otherwise operate on an altered or abbreviated schedule or cease transacting business on one or more such days, due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions associated with Hurricane Helene or the resulting impacts.

B. In the event that banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina were forced to close or remain closed, or to otherwise operate on an altered or abbreviated schedule or cease transacting business, on one or more additional days during a State of Emergency declared by Executive Order No. 2024-24 or by Executive Order No. 2024-28, due to the hazardous weather conditions or resulting impacts contemplated or described therein, I hereby authorize the Office of the Governor to administratively add any such day or days to the legal banking holidays declared herein or to provide or issue any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Order or to otherwise provide clarification regarding the same, through appropriate means, without the need for further Orders.

Section 2. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other

sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

C. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 25th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2024.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State