

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.**

**2026-09**

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2026, the regular annual session of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina adjourned *sine die* in accordance with section 2-1-180 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has not yet adopted, enrolled, or ratified a General Appropriations Act for the 2026–2027 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has enrolled a joint resolution to continue funding state government’s recurring expenses at the same level as the 2025–2026 fiscal year at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, 2026, *see* S. 769, 126th Gen. Assemb. (S.C. 2026). Such a continuing resolution, however, fails to accomplish the State’s important budget priorities for the coming fiscal year, including additional funding for roads and infrastructure and raising the starting salary for our teachers to at least \$50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, because “[m]oney shall be drawn from the treasury of the State or the treasury of any of its political subdivisions only in pursuance of appropriations made by law,” S.C. Const. art. X, § 8, the absence of a General Appropriations Act for the upcoming fiscal year is a matter that requires the immediate attention of, and action by, the General Assembly prior to its next regular session; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly began debating South Carolina’s congressional districts in light of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, 608 U.S. \_\_\_, Nos. 24-109, 24-110 (U.S. Apr. 29, 2026), but that debate was not concluded when the General Assembly adjourned *sine die*. An issue of such public importance and interest should be not only debated but also decided by the People’s representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary and appropriate for the General Assembly to convene in advance of its next regular session for purposes of promptly adopting a General Appropriations Act and finishing its debate on South Carolina’s congressional maps ahead of the 2026 election cycle, both of which are independent, extraordinary circumstances to convene an extra session; and

**WHEREAS**, article IV, section 19 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that “[t]he Governor may on extraordinary occasions convene the General Assembly in extra session” and further provides that “[s]hould either house remain without a quorum for five days, or in case of disagreement between the two houses during any session with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such times as he shall think proper, not beyond the time of the annual session then next ensuing”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to article IV, section 19 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with the authority and discretion conferred therein, the undersigned has determined that the foregoing circumstances constitute “extraordinary occasions” such that it is necessary and appropriate to convene the General Assembly in extra session at the earliest practicable opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has concluded that 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2026, is the earliest practicable opportunity to convene the General Assembly in extra session.

**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 call an extra session of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina to convene at the State House in Columbia, commencing at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, 2026. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect unless and until modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 14th DAY OF  
MAY, 2026.**

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**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER**  
Governor

ATTEST:

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MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State