

Executive Order No. 2017-17

WHEREAS, Texas has been impacted by Hurricane Harvey, resulting in disaster, severe flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, and Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation declaring a disaster in several counties of Texas on August 23, 2017, and adding additional counties on August 26, 27, and 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Texas has requested assistance from South Carolina under the terms of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as provided in section 25-9-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard is prepared to provide the personnel and equipment necessary to assist the impacted areas and specifically to fulfill a request to assist in search and rescue in response to this disaster.

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 direct the Adjutant General to place on state duty and utilize the South Carolina National Guard personnel and equipment requested through the Emergency Management Division and in consultation with the Governor's Office, to fulfill the mission in support of the State of Texas. National Guard personnel and equipment deployment and mission requirements should be coordinated through the Emergency Management Division in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall expire when the emergency situation in Texas is ended, or in thirty (30) days, whichever comes first.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST,
2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**