

**WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Hurricane Irma approaching the State of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the threat of hazardous weather conditions from Hurricane Irma, several state government offices were closed, delayed, or dismissed early in accordance with county government offices on Friday, September 8, 2017; Monday, September 11, 2017; and Tuesday, September 12, 2017; listed as follows:

- Closed - Friday, September 8, 2017: Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, and Jasper;
- Early Dismissal - Friday, September 8, 2017: Beaufort and Colleton;
- Closed - Monday, September 11, 2017: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dorchester, Edgefield, Georgetown, Hampton, Jasper, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg;
- Early Dismissal - Monday, September 11, 2017: Abbeville, Anderson, Dillon, Lancaster, Laurens, Marion, Oconee, and Pickens;
- Closed – Tuesday, September 12, 2017: Allendale, Barnwell, Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, McCormick, Oconee, and Pickens; and
- Delayed – Tuesday, September 12, 2017: Abbeville, Anderson, Clarendon, Lancaster, Lexington, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Governor may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to a State of Emergency or hazardous conditions.

**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 grant leave with pay to state employees absent from work due to the closure, early dismissal, or delayed start as a result of the State of Emergency on Friday, September 8, 2017; Monday, September 11, 2017; and Tuesday, September 12, 2017, as listed more fully above. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20th DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State