

Executive Order No. 2017-37

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 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; as listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32;

WHEREAS, the following additional counties should also be identified as dismissing early on September 11, 2017:

Fairfield County, early dismissal at 3:00 PM;
Florence County, early dismissal at 4:00 PM;
McCormick County, early dismissal at 1:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, two counties have provided the following updated information, which differs from the information set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-32:

Lancaster County and Lexington County were listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32 as delayed on September 12, 2017; however, state government offices in both counties started on time and had no delays;
Lancaster County, early dismissal at 4:00 PM on September 12, 2017; and

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 as listed in Executive Order No. 2017-32 and as provided in the above additions and updates. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 26th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**