

**Executive Order No. 2018-39**

**Granting Paid Leave to State Employees Due to Hazardous Weather  
Monday, September 17, 2018 Through Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence impacted the coastal and inland areas of South Carolina, and certain parts of the state received 2-4 feet of storm surge, heavy rainfall in the double-digits, high gusts of wind, and river levels several feet above the major flood stage, all of which led to flash flooding, downed trees and power lines, and other debris causing roadways and bridges to be dangerous and impassable; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned directed state employees to follow county closures due to the hazardous weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, county officials closed county offices in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Kershaw, Marion, Marlboro, and Richland Counties on and between Monday, September 17, 2018, through Wednesday, September 19, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, state government offices (to include state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges), closed pursuant to the undersigned's advice and directive to follow county closures; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the governor of this State 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 in Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Kershaw, Marion, Marlboro, and Richland Counties on Monday, September 17, 2018, through Wednesday, September 19th, 2018, as a result of the hazardous weather conditions.

This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 21st DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**