

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2020-20

WHEREAS, a severe winter storm impacted portions of the State of South Carolina beginning on February 20, 2020, which produced a mixture of rain, freezing rain, and snow, and created significant accumulations of ice and snow and other dangerous conditions in certain areas of the State through February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts, and in accordance with county government closures and the normal state procedure associated with the same, state government offices in numerous counties throughout the State were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather 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 order and direct as follows:

Section 1. I hereby authorize leave with pay for affected state employees, as set forth below, who were absent from work due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, and in accordance with the directive for state government offices to follow county government closures for hazardous weather conditions, in the following counties and on the following dates:

February 21, 2020:

Abbreviated Schedule: Anderson County (delayed by two (2) hours), Dillon County (delayed by two (2) hours), Florence County (delayed by one (1) hour), Laurens County (delayed by two (2) hours), Marion County

(delayed by two (2) hours), Oconee County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Pickens County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Union County (delayed by two (2) hours), Williamsburg County (delayed by two (2) hours)

Section 2. In the event that county government offices in a county not listed above were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Administration to grant leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as a result of the corresponding closure of state government offices and to administratively add any such county to the list of covered closures.

This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 6th DAY OF
APRIL, 2020.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State