

## **Executive Order No. 2018-29**

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center has advised that Hurricane Florence will impact the State of South Carolina, especially the coastal areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Florence and the associated wind, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather, represent a significant threat to the State of South Carolina and require that the State take timely precautions to protect property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2018, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2018-26, declaring a State of Emergency due to Hurricane Florence and placing into effect the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the threatened areas; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Chief Executive of this State, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the undersigned is authorized to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if such action is deemed necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has determined that an evacuation is necessary for the preservation of life in and surrounding the threatened areas or for other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery efforts.

**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, effective at the time of twelve o'clock PM (noon), September 11, 2018, I do hereby order an evacuation of all persons located in the following Evacuation Zones in Jasper (Zones A, B), Beaufort (Zone A), Colleton (Zones A, B), Charleston (Zones A, B, and C), Dorchester (Zones D, E, and F), Berkeley (Zones B, G, H, and I), Georgetown (Zones A, B, and C), and Horry (Zones A, B, and C) Counties, with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, as designated by the appropriate municipal, county, or special purpose district officials, necessary to provide essential services during or immediately following the event. All other persons are ordered to evacuate the areas as expeditiously as possible. Specific details regarding the areas for evacuation are attached to this Executive Order.

Any persons or non-Emergency Management personnel who remain in the Evacuation Zones, and any medical facilities, nursing home facilities, businesses, or other organizations or entities that allow or require persons under their charge to remain in the Evacuation Zones are responsible for the safety and well-being of themselves and of those under their charge. Any such persons or entities are charged with the knowledge that should they need the assistance of emergency personnel or services, those personnel or services may not be available or capable of coming to their aid.

**FURTHER**, I hereby direct that specified units of the South Carolina National Guard, at the discretion of the Adjutant General in consultation with the Director of the Emergency Management Division (EMD), may remain on duty to assist civil authorities in these areas, including Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 13 and 16, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), taking all reasonable precautions as necessary for the preservation of life and property. The South Carolina National Guard may supplement units as needed. DPS will remain to assist with all traffic control points as assigned and needed.

Persons in other areas near the projected path of Hurricane Florence should take all precautions necessary to ensure their protection from potential high winds, heavy rain, localized flooding, and other severe weather.

This Order is effective immediately. Further proclamations and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER**  
Governor