

Executive Order No. 2019-17

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2019, a line of strong thunderstorms moved across the State of South Carolina, which produced significant rainfall, damaging winds, and other dangerous weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions and in accordance with county government office closures, on April 19, 2019, state government offices in Lancaster County closed at 12:00 p.m. and state government offices in Charleston County closed at 2:00 p.m. to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the undersigned may authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work due to the closure of state offices for 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 authorize leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as directed on April 19, 2019, due to the foregoing hazardous weather conditions and corresponding early closure of state government offices. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2019.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**