

State of South Carolina

Executive Department

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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2015-21

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the State of South Carolina is presently vulnerable to the effects of a strengthening hurricane, known as Hurricane Joaquin still developing over the Atlantic Ocean, as well as a significant low pressure system of heavy rainfall and flash flooding forecast to impact our state; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that the heavy rain and flash flooding represent a threat to the safety, security, welfare, and property of citizens in South Carolina, the preparation and response for which require assistance and support from the State.

THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina and direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of heavy rain and flash flooding.

FURTHER, I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty pursuant to my authority under Section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and I will do so by directing the Adjutant General to issue supplemental orders. I further order the utilization of the South Carolina National Guard's personnel with appropriate equipment, at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the citizens of this state.

FURTHER, I order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina be

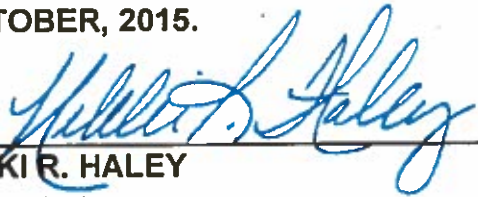
suspended, and SLED shall initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

Further proclamations and regulations deemed necessary to insure the fullest protection of life and property during this state of emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 1st DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2015.



NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:



MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE