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State of South Carolina
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2011-11

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2011, a freight truck pulling a box trailer struck the SC Route 150 bridge overpass along I-85 Northbound; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the collision and ensuing fire resulted in catastrophic failure of the bridge and damage to the mainline I-85 pavement and guardrail, requiring immediate closure of I-85 Northbound for more than 48 hours and complete closure of SC Route 150 due to the collapse of the federal-aid bridge; and

WHEREAS, repairs to mainline I-85 and the complete bridge replacement required for SC Route 150 are beyond the scope of extraordinary maintenance; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as is contemplated by the terms of Section 125 of Title 23, United States Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby declare that an emergency exists as a result of the crash at I-85 and SC Route 150 and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation to undertake actions to replace the collapsed bridge to ensure the safety and well-being of the traveling public. I further direct the Department of Transportation to take all necessary action to obtain the federal approval of the Federal Highway Division Administrator to make Federal Highway Division Emergency Relief assistance available to the State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2011.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE