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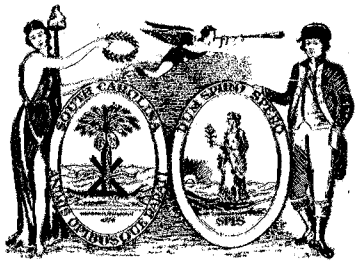

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2004-18

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the coastline of the State of South Carolina is presently vulnerable to the effects of a strengthening hurricane that continues to advance toward South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Charley is advancing in a north-northeast direction and represents a threat to the safety, security, welfare and property of citizens and transients living in South Carolina.

NOW, 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. I 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 Hurricane Charley. Further Proclamations and Orders deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2004.

MARK SANFORD
Governor

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