

Executive Order No. 2017-28

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-20, declaring a State of Emergency due to the significant threat posed by Hurricane Irma approaching the State of South Carolina and directing that all prudent precautions be taken and preparations be made at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-25, ordering the evacuation, effective 10:00 a.m., September 9, 2017, of all persons located on certain specified barrier islands in Jasper County (Knowles Island and Tulifinny Island), Beaufort County (Hunting Island, Fripp Island, Hilton Head Island, Harbor Island, and Daufuskie Island), and Colleton County (Edisto Beach), with the exception of those critical or emergency response personnel, because of the imminent danger posed by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 2017-26, rescinding the evacuation order, effective 9:15 a.m., September 12, 2017, for the areas set forth in Executive Order No. 2017-25, while also authorizing local and county officials to restrict access to areas identified as dangerous and to make further decisions about the return of persons to areas impacted by Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing Orders and other State actions, the significant threat presented by Hurricane Irma, and the resulting hazardous weather conditions, it became necessary for many banks and savings and loan institutions in this State to close or remain closed from September 6, 2017, through September 12, 2017, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 53-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, banks and savings and loan institutions in this State were already prohibited from transacting business on Sunday, September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, section 53-5-55 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to declare additional legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions whenever the Governor finds such additional holiday or holidays to be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, I am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State and have carefully considered the foregoing circumstances.

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 declare that September 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, 2017, shall be legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina that were forced to close or remain closed from September 6, 2017, through September 12, 2017, or to otherwise cease transacting business on one or more such days, due to the foregoing Orders or other State actions, the significant threat presented by Hurricane Irma, or the resulting hazardous weather conditions. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS ____ DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**