

*An Emergency Ordinance Proclaiming a State of Emergency and Establishing a City-Wide Curfew*

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia has been severely and catastrophically affected by record levels of rain from the late evening hours of Saturday, October 3, 2015 and projected to continue through Tuesday, October 6, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States Barack Obama has declared a state of emergency for the entire State of South Carolina due to the record rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of South Carolina Nikki Haley has declared a state of emergency for the State of South Carolina and activated the National Guard for assistance due to the rainfall and resulting flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, this catastrophic weather event has resulted in fatalities, injuries, the loss of homes and businesses; further that there is still wide spread stress on the water and sewer system resulting in thousands of homes without potable water; city officials and department heads believe it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to restrict travel on the roads, which are increasingly dangerous, during the evening hours; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia give authority to the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency during times of great public crisis or catastrophe in order to help municipal public safety authorities maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives, safety, health, welfare and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor declared a State of Emergency for the City of Columbia on October 4, 2015, and pursuant to Section 7-34 of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia, City Council convened a meeting to be briefed by City Officials regarding the situation;

**IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND IMPOSED** by the Mayor and Council this 5th Day of October, 2015, that a State of Emergency exists for the City of Columbia and, pursuant to Section 7-32 and 7-33 of the Ordinances of the City of Columbia, a curfew is hereby established beginning at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2015 and ending at 6:00 a.m. on October 5, 2015 with the curfew renewing at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2015 and remaining until October 6, 2015 at 6:00 a.m.; and

**IT IS FURTHER IMPOSED** that during the curfew, the following persons are exempted and free to travel to carry out their duties: police officers, firefighters, active duty military, health care providers, and public works and utility workers employed by any public utility, the City of Columbia, the Counties of Richland and Lexington, the State of South Carolina and the United States of America.

AND IT IS SO PROCLAIMED AND IMPOSED THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015

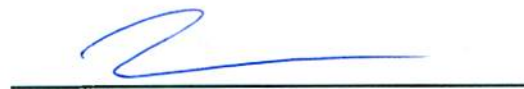
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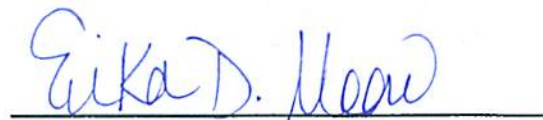
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