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4 EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 2025-03

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, and section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, on December 30, 2024, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2024-36, directing that the flags atop the State Capitol and on all state buildings be lowered to half-staff until January 28, 2025, in tribute to former President James (“Jimmy”) Earl Carter, Jr., who dutifully served as the thirty-ninth President of the United States of America, and in honor of his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, commonly regarded as the “Flag Code,” “codifi[es]” “existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America” and provides a guide to States and private citizens regarding the display of our Nation’s flag, 4 U.S.C. § 5; and

WHEREAS, Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, provides that “[t]he flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President”; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to order that the flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff for a designated period of time upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature, for a period of thirty days from the date of death of a former President, and for the same designated time when an act of the United States Congress or a presidential order is issued to lower flags to half-staff over federal buildings; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1944, the President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, issued a proclamation, which recognized that “[t]he flag of the United States of America is universally representative of the principles of the justice, liberty, and democracy enjoyed by the people of the United States” and that “[p]eople all over the world recognize the flag of the United States as symbolic of the United States”; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1954, the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, issued a proclamation pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States at half-staff upon the death of certain current and former government officials, and in doing so, recognized that it was “desirable that rules be prescribed for the uniform observance of this mark of respect by all executive departments and agencies of the Government, and as a guide to the people of the Nation generally on such occasions”; and

WHEREAS, the flag is “a symbol of nationhood and national unity,” *Texas v. Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397, 410 (1989), and “[n]o disrespect should be shown to the flag,” 4 U.S.C. § 8; and

WHEREAS, every presidential inauguration marks a significant moment in American history and should be an occasion to celebrate the enduring nature of the United States Constitution and the Republic and to honor the incoming President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Flag Code does not expressly contemplate the flag being lowered on Inauguration Day or address how the flag should be flown on Inauguration Day if the flag is otherwise flying at half-staff because of the death of a former President; and

WHEREAS, despite contemplating the flag being lowered for 30 days following the death of a former President, Title 4, Section 6(d) of the United States Code, as amended, which governs the time and occasions for displaying the flag of the United States, provides that “[t]he flag should be displayed on all days” but “especially” on “Inauguration Day, January 20”; and

WHEREAS, courts have recognized that a statute may not cover every circumstance and a legislature may not have foreseen certain situations arising when enacting a statute, *see, e.g., Greenville Baseball v. Bearden*, 200 S.C. 363, 20 S.E.2d 813, 816–17 (1942); and

WHEREAS, in response to the aforementioned circumstances and in an effort to harmonize the applicable statutes, Governors across the country have similarly acknowledged the simultaneous significance of recognizing Inauguration Day and appropriately honoring the life and legacy of President Carter and have issued orders or directives providing for the display of the flag at full-staff on Inauguration Day before returning the flag to half-staff in tribute to President Carter.

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 of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that the flags atop the State Capitol and on all state buildings shall be returned to full-staff and the ordinary manner of display in accordance with Title 4, Section 6(d) of the United States Code, at sunrise on January 20, 2025, in recognition of the inauguration of the forty-seventh President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. Absent an intervening proclamation from the President of the United States, the flags atop the State Capitol and on all state buildings shall return to half-staff at sunset on January 20, 2025, for the duration of the period prescribed by Executive Order No. 2024-36 in tribute to President Carter's extraordinary legacy as a humanitarian and his lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the United States of America. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No. 2025-04

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2024-33, declaring a State of Emergency due to substantial and sustained rainfall in certain portions of the State of South Carolina, which caused significant flash and riverine flooding and other dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned State of Emergency and hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts associated with the same, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2024-33 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, state government offices in Orangeburg County operated on an abbreviated schedule on November 7, 2024, and November 8, 2024, to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that "whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather conditions."

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 order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Authorizing Leave with Pay Due to Severe Weather and Flooding

A. I hereby authorize leave with pay for affected state employees, as set forth below, who were absent from work during the State of Emergency and due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order 2024-33 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, in Orangeburg County on the following dates: November 7, 2024 (closed at 3:30 p.m.); November 8, 2024 (opened at 10:00 a.m.).

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B. In the event that county government offices in a county not listed above were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule due to the aforementioned State of Emergency or hazardous flooding conditions, I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Administration to grant leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as a result of the corresponding closure of state government offices and to administratively add any such county to the list of covered closures without the need for further Orders.

Section 2. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. This Order shall be implemented consistent with and to the maximum extent provided by applicable law and shall be subject to the availability of appropriations. This Order shall not be interpreted, applied, implemented, or construed in a manner so as to impair, impede, or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive agency or department, or the officials or head thereof, including the undersigned.

C. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER

Executive Order No. 2025-05

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2025-02, declaring a State of Emergency due to the threats posed by severe winter weather, which was forecasted to impact the southeastern region of the United States, and which subsequently produced snowfall, freezing rain, and other hazardous conditions and disrupted essential utility services and other critical systems in certain areas of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned State of Emergency and the forecasted hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts associated with the same, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2025-02 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, state government offices in numerous counties throughout the State were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule on January 10, 2025, to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather conditions.”

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 order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Authorizing Leave with Pay Due to Winter Weather Conditions

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A. I hereby authorize leave with pay for affected state employees, as set forth below, who were absent from work during the State of Emergency and due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2025-02 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, in the following counties on January 10, 2025:

Abbreviated Schedule: Aiken County (closed at 10:15 a.m.), Allendale County (closed at 1:00 p.m.), Calhoun County (closed at 1:00 p.m.), Cherokee County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Chester County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Chesterfield County (closed at 2:30 p.m.), Clarendon County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Darlington County (closed at 12:30 p.m.), Dillon County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Dorchester County (closed at 1:30 p.m.), Greenwood County (closed at 10:00 a.m.), Kershaw County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Lancaster County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Lee County (closed at 12:30 p.m.), Lexington County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Marion County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Marlboro County (closed at 1:00 p.m.), Newberry County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Orangeburg County (closed at 12:30 p.m.), Pickens County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Richland County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Spartanburg County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Sumter County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Union County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), Williamsburg County (closed at 12:00 p.m.), York County (closed at 12:00 p.m.)

Closed: Abbeville County, Anderson County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Edgefield County, Fairfield County, Greenville County, Laurens County, McCormick County, Oconee County, Saluda County

B. In the event that county government offices in a county not listed above were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule during the State of Emergency and due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Administration to grant leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as a result of the corresponding closure of state government offices and to administratively add any such county to the list of covered closures without the need for further Orders.

Section 2. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. This Order shall be implemented consistent with and to the maximum extent provided by applicable law and shall be subject to the availability of appropriations. This Order shall not be interpreted, applied, implemented, or construed in a manner so as to impair, impede, or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive agency or department, or the officials or head thereof, including the undersigned.

C. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor**

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Executive Order No. 2025-06

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2025-02, declaring a State of Emergency due to the threats posed by forecasted severe winter weather, which subsequently impacted the southeastern region of the United States, producing prolonged periods of cold temperatures, snowfall, freezing rain, and other hazardous conditions, and disrupting essential utility services and critical systems in certain areas of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned State of Emergency and the forecasted hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts associated with the same, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2025-02 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, state government offices in numerous counties throughout the State were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule on one or more days during the period from January 21, 2025, through January 24, 2025, to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather conditions.”

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 order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Authorizing Leave with Pay Due to Winter Weather Conditions

A. I hereby authorize leave with pay for affected state employees, as set forth below, who were absent from work during the State of Emergency and due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, and in accordance with the directive set forth in Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2025-02 for state government offices to follow county government closure determinations, in the following counties on the following dates:

January 21, 2025:

Abbreviated Schedule: Abbeville County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Aiken County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Allendale County (closed at 4:30 p.m.), Bamberg County (closed at 2:30 p.m.), Barnwell County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Beaufort County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Berkeley County (closed at 4:00 p.m.), Charleston County (closed at 4:00 p.m.), Clarendon County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Darlington County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Dorchester County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Edgefield County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Georgetown County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Hampton County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Jasper County (closed at 1:00 p.m.), Lee County (closed at 4:00 p.m.), Marlboro County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), McCormick County (closed at 3:00 p.m.), Orangeburg County (closed at 2:00 p.m.), Saluda County (closed at 4:00 p.m.), Sumter County (closed at 4:00 p.m.), Williamsburg County (closed at 3:00 p.m.).

January 22, 2025:

Closed: Aiken County, Allendale County, Anderson County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Beaufort County, Berkeley County, Calhoun County, Charleston County, Chesterfield County, Clarendon County, Colleton County, Darlington County, Dillon County, Dorchester County, Edgefield County, Fairfield County, Florence County, Georgetown County, Hampton County, Horry County, Jasper County, Kershaw County, Lee County, Lexington County, Marion County, Marlboro County, McCormick County, Orangeburg County, Richland County, Saluda County, Sumter County, Williamsburg County.

Abbreviated Schedule: Abbeville County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Cherokee County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Chester County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Greenville County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Laurens County

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(opened at 10:30 a.m.), Newberry County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Oconee County (opened at 11:30 a.m.), Union County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), York County (opened at 10:30 a.m.).

January 23, 2025:

Closed: Allendale County, Beaufort County, Berkeley County, Charleston County, Colleton County, Dorchester County, Florence County, Georgetown County, Hampton County, Horry County, Jasper County, Sumter County, Williamsburg County.

Abbreviated Schedule: Aiken County (opened at 10:00 a.m.), Bamberg County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Barnwell County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Calhoun County (opened at 10:00 a.m.), Chesterfield County (opened at 9:30 a.m.), Clarendon County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Dillon County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Edgefield County (opened at 10:00 a.m.), Fairfield County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Kershaw County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Lancaster County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Lee County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Lexington County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Marion County (opened at 11:30 a.m.), Marlboro County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Orangeburg County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Richland County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Saluda County (opened at 10:30 a.m.).

January 24, 2025:

Closed: Beaufort County, Charleston County, Colleton County, Georgetown County, Jasper County.

Abbreviated Schedule: Berkeley County (opened at 11:00 a.m.), Dorchester County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Florence County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Horry County (opened at 12:00 p.m.), Marion County (opened at 10:30 a.m.), Williamsburg County (opened at 10:30 a.m.).

B. In the event that county government offices in a county not listed above were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule during the State of Emergency and due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Administration to grant leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as a result of the corresponding closure of state government offices and to administratively add any such county to the list of covered closures without the need for further Orders.

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B. This Order shall be implemented consistent with and to the maximum extent provided by applicable law and shall be subject to the availability of appropriations. This Order shall not be interpreted, applied, implemented, or construed in a manner so as to impair, impede, or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive agency or department, or the officials or head thereof, including the undersigned.

C. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.**

**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor**

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

Cone Mills Corp/Carlisle Finishing Site LWM File #50838

NOTICE OF CONSENT AGREEMENT, CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION, AND COMMENT PERIOD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (DES) intends to enter into a Consent Agreement (CA) with Carlisle Finishing, LLC to address the contamination at the Cone Mills Corp/Carlisle Finishing Site (“Site” or “Facility”) located at 3863 Carlisle Chester Highway, Carlisle, in Union County, South Carolina.

Future obligations described in the CA include performance of a comprehensive site assessment and evaluation of alternatives (i.e., a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study or RI/FS). A Remedial Investigation (RI) identifies site characteristics and defines the source(s), nature and extent of soil, air, surface water, and groundwater contamination at the Site and the risks posed by the Site. A Feasibility Study (FS) evaluates different cleanup options for the Site. These activities will be performed under the Department’s oversight and enforcement authority. Further, the CA provides for the payment of the Department’s costs for overseeing the work performed by the Respondents.

Upon the successful completion of the CA, the Respondents will receive a covenant not to sue for the work done in completing the response actions specifically covered in the CA and completed in accordance with the approved work plans and reports. Upon execution of the CA, the Respondents shall be deemed to have resolved their liability to the State in an administrative settlement for purposes of, and to the extent authorized under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9613(f)(2) and 9613(f)(3)(B), and under HWMA, S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200, for the matters addressed in the CA. Further, to the extent authorized under 42 U.S.C. Section 9613(f)(3)(B), S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200, the Respondents may seek contribution from any person who is not a party to this administrative settlement.

The proposed CA is subject to a thirty-day public comment period consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9613, and the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA), S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200 (as amended). Notice of Contribution Protection and Comment Period will be provided to known potentially responsible parties. The proposed CA is available:

1. On-line at <https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Environment/PublicNotices> or
2. By contacting Tim Wilbur at 803-898-0840 or timothy.wilbur@des.sc.gov.

Any comments to the CA must be submitted in writing, postmarked no later than Monday, March 31, 2025, and addressed to: Tim Wilbur, DES-BLWM-SARR, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SUPPLEMENT TO AIR QUALITY STATE
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR REGIONAL HAZE

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq.

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (Department) is publishing this Notice of General Public Interest pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308, to provide interested persons the opportunity to request and attend a public hearing and comment on the Department's supplemental submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for regional haze. If requested, the public hearing will be held on April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in room 2151 of the Sims Building, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

The public is also invited to submit comments in writing before the public hearing. To be considered, comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2025, the close of the comment period. Submit comments to Scott Bigleman, Air Regulation and Data Analysis Section, Bureau of Air Quality, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. Interested persons may also contact Scott Bigleman via phone at (803) 898-0561 or email at scott.bigleman@des.sc.gov for more information or to view a copy of the state's proposed supplement to the plan. A link to a copy of the state's proposed supplement to the regional haze SIP is also located on the Department's Public Notices webpage: <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>.

Synopsis:

This proposed supplement to the South Carolina Regional Haze SIP revision was prepared in accordance with the Federal Regional Haze Rule provisions specified in 40 CFR 51.308(f) and the EPA's guidance for implementing the rule to comply with Section 169A of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The Regional Haze Rule requires states to develop programs to assure reasonable progress toward meeting the national goal of preventing any future, and remedying any existing, impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas, which impairment results from manmade air pollution. South Carolina's Class I Federal area (see 40 CFR 81.426) includes the Cape Romain Wilderness Area. South Carolina provided the Federal Land Managers (FLM) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service the opportunity for consultation as required by 40 CFR 51.308(i)(2). Per Section 169A(d) of the CAA, the comments received from the FLMs during consultation and the Department's responses can be found in Section 10.4.6 of the proposed supplement to the SIP. This supplemental submittal addresses EPA comments on the permit conditions that were proposed and submitted in the final Regional Haze SIP on March 4, 2022.

REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
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NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

We have calculated the increase to the revenue threshold for the statutory audit requirement for municipalities. Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 5-7-240(D), beginning with the municipality fiscal year which begins after January 1, 2024, the reporting threshold is \$500,000 of the total recurring revenue of a municipality. As soon as practicable at the beginning of each subsequent calendar year, the recurring revenue threshold must be adjusted based on the increase or decrease in the ratio of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as of December 31 of the previous calendar year. If the average of the twelve-month consumer price index experiences a negative percentage, the

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average is deemed to be zero. The average annual index increased by 2.95 percent from a value of 304.702 for 2023 to 313.689 for 2024. With this inflation factor, the revenue threshold above which municipalities in the state must provide for an annual audit of financial statements increases to \$514,748 for years beginning after January 1, 2025.

REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

We have calculated the increase in the limit on compensation for noneconomic damages on a medical malpractice claim. Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 15-32-220(F), the limit on civil liability for noneconomic damages on a medical malpractice claim is adjusted each fiscal year based on the increase or decrease in the ratio of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as of December 31 of the previous calendar year. The adjustment is a cumulative index using a base year of 2004. The 2004 base year was adopted to be consistent with the timing of the enacting legislation. As of December 31, 2024, the index increased by 65.8 percent from a value of 190.3 in December 2004 to 315.605 in December 2024. With this inflation factor, the limit against a single health care provider and a health care institution for each claimant for civil liability for noneconomic damages on medical malpractice claims when final judgment is rendered increases to \$580,461. Also, the limit against all health care providers and all health care institutions for each claimant for civil liability for noneconomic damages on medical malpractice claims increases to \$1,741,383. The adjusted limitations on compensation for noneconomic damages become effective upon publication in the State Register, pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 1-23-40(2).

REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

We have calculated the increase in the limit on punitive damages awarded to each claimant that is entitled to an award. Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 15-32-530(D), the limit on these awards is adjusted each calendar year based on the increase or decrease in the ratio of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as of December 31 of the previous calendar year. The adjustment is a cumulative index using a base year of 2010. The 2010 base year was adopted to be consistent with the timing of the enacting legislation. As of December 31, 2024, the index increased by 44.0 percent from a value of 219.179 in December 2010 to 315.605 in December 2024. With this inflation factor, the limit increases to \$719,971. The adjusted limitation on an award for punitive damages becomes effective upon publication in the State Register pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 1-23-40(2).