

To facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

- A. I hereby modify and amend the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-16 (Emergency Access Restrictions for Public Beaches and Waters), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, to authorize the managing or operating authority of any public boat ramp or boat landing closed pursuant to Section 1(C) of Executive Order No. 2020-16 to reopen, in whole or in part, any such public boat ramp or boat landing, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots, effective Friday, April 17, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats on the public waters of this State to facilitate authorized and permissible outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 1(E) of Executive Order No. 2020-21, and subject to Executive Order No. 2020-13, for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Public piers, docks, and wharfs providing public access to the public waters of this State shall remain closed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I hereby authorize the managing or operating authority of any public boat ramp or boat landing to close, in whole or in part, or otherwise restrict public access to any such public boat ramp or boat landing, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or facilities, if it is determined that such action is necessary to preserve or protect public health. Subject to any additional or supplemental clarification, guidance, rules,

regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), the beaching or rafting of boats, whether on a sandbar, lakeshore, riverbank, or island, shall remain prohibited for the duration of the State of Emergency. Vessels must remain underway at all times unless exigent circumstances exist. Anchoring to fish is allowed; however, rafting is prohibited under all circumstances. As previously authorized by Section 1(C) of Executive Order No. 2020-16, individuals possessing a current, valid commercial fishing license or permit may continue to utilize or rely upon public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, or boat landings in connection with commercial fishing activities.

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