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Summary: Anderson Co. EMD 2024 EMA of the Year

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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A concurrent RESOLUTION

to recognize and honor the Anderson County Emergency Management Division for its exceptional service and to congratulate the division for being named the South Carolina Emergency Management Agency of the Year for 2024.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly is pleased to learn that the Anderson County Emergency Management Division (EMD) has been recognized as the 2024 South Carolina Emergency Management Agency of the Year, a prestigious award that highlights exceptional commitment to safeguarding the community through emergency planning, response, and recovery awarded by the South Carolina Emergency Management Association; and

Whereas, while South Carolina endured Hurricane Helene in September 2024, Anderson County EMD remained the calm, consistent, and instructive voice providing up-to-the-minute information and prioritizing the safety and well-being of the county; and

Whereas, the agency successfully coordinated a monumental mobilization effort of resources between local, state, and federal agencies. Under the agency’s watch, the members efficiently coordinated with the National Guard and set up sites that were easy to access for water, meals, and donations. The crisis forced the team to reach a new caliber of proficiency, while learning where to close any gaps in their emergency-response plan; and

Whereas, the director of the Anderson County EMD, Josh Hawkins, realizes that it is an honor to receive the award for any calendar year, but it is especially gratifying for the year when the largest hurricane on record pummeled the State; and

Whereas, ahead of the storm, the Anderson County EMD built relationships with the community that helped citizens to respond with resilience. Knowing the severity of the hurricane’s aftermath, the EMD team work countless hours with an extraordinary work ethic and a determined commitment; and

Whereas, the hurricane response came shortly after the largest concert event ever to take place within county limits, “Rock the Country,” to which some forty thousand concert goers a day attended and which required major efforts to plan in advance of the headliners. For an entire calendar year before any melodies sounded from the stage, EMD organized a comprehensive plan with law enforcement, fire, EMS, Highway Patrol, DOT, SLED, Hazmat, AnMed Health, Medshore, county and city officials, and concert staff; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly deeply appreciates the pride that the members of the Anderson County Emergency Management Division have brought to Anderson County and to the Palmetto State and their expeditious response, extraordinary proficiency, and determined commitment to protect lives. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Anderson County Emergency Management Division for its exceptional service and congratulate the division for being named the South Carolina Emergency Management Agency of the Year for 2024.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Director Josh Hawkins.

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