

**Benjamin I. Duncan II**  
**Chief Resilience Officer**  
**South Carolina Office of Resilience**

Appointed by Governor Henry McMaster, Mr. Duncan leads the state's coordinated response to the growing challenges of environmental and natural hazards. In a state increasingly impacted by hurricanes, flooding, and extreme weather events, his role demands visionary leadership, strategic planning and a commitment to public service -- all qualities that have defined his career.

Under Mr. Duncan's leadership, the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) has earned national recognition for its innovative, people-centered approach to resilience planning, hazard mitigation, and disaster recovery. His vision has guided the agency through several major accomplishments, including the successful completion of over 3,400 housing recovery programs following the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Joaquin in 2015, Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Hurricane Florence in 2018. These efforts, along with targeted hazard mitigation projects, have significantly reduced the impact of future disasters across the state. Additionally, Mr. Duncan led the development and implementation of South Carolina's first Strategic Statewide Resilience and Risk Reduction Plan -- an ambitious initiative designed to identify vulnerabilities and proactively safeguard the state's communities, economies and ecosystems from future threats.

With the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, Mr. Duncan now leads the state's largest recovery effort to date -- one projected to surpass the combined impact of South Carolina's last three major disasters. His unwavering belief in **collaboration, cooperation and coordination** has guided his agency through this defining moment and continues to shape the state's resilience strategy.

Benjamin Duncan's dedication to public service and his leadership in the face of extraordinary challenges make him an indispensable voice in today's discussion. He will share the history, achievements and future goals of the South Carolina Office of Resilience.