WHEREAS, Paul Alexander Simmons, Orangeburg County Coroner, has been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury of one charge of violating 21 U.S.C., §841(a)(1) and §846 which deals with attempting to possess with intent to distribute a quantity of cocaine.

WHEREAS, I am informed that Paul Alexander Simmons will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, §8 of the South Carolina Constitution requires the Governor to suspend any officer of the State or its political subdivisions who is indicted for a crime on a charge involving moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in my by the Constitution and Laws of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority, it is ordered that Paul Alexander Simmons, Orangeburg County Coroner, be and hereby is suspended from that office until such time as he shall be formally acquitted.
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This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Paul Alexander Simmons and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on the question.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND
AND THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 14
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990

CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State