WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor has been contacted by the Federal Voting Assistance Program of the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of informing the State that the Presidential Designee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff, has authorized electronic transmissions of election related materials including absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Designee recognizes emergency conditions related to Operation Desert Shield; and

WHEREAS, this authorization is for the limited period of the November 6, 1990, General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office has consulted with the State Chairmen of the Democrat and Republican Parties and has received their endorsement of this attempt to provide access to the ballot for the men and women participating in this operation, and has attempted to consult with the State Chairman of the Libertarian Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that recent events in the Middle East, which have required the immediate assignment of thousands of American military personnel who reside in South Carolina to a military operation known as Operation Desert Shield, constitute a statewide disaster, for the reason that these men and women may be injured by a deprivation of their constitutional right to vote in the November 6, 1990 General Election.
I proclaim the existence of such disaster and direct that all necessary measures be implemented to meet that disaster including the use of electronic transmission in the voting process. Pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 1, I hereby authorize and direct the South Carolina State Election Commission and the Board of Voter Registration in each of the forty-six (46) counties to comply to the fullest extent possible with the federal Act and to do everything in their power to ensure that each South Carolina resident in Saudia Arabia is given an opportunity to vote. Specifically, I order each county or voter registration to send by electronic transmission, upon request, a copy of the relevant absentee ballot to the appropriate military office in Saudia Arabia.

The State Election Commission is hereby directed to notify the appropriate county officials and to proscribe such rules, regulations or directives as necessary to protect the integrity of the military ballot while providing for the systematic and orderly transmission of the ballots in order to be received for the General Election.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect for the period of fifteen (15) days.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State