EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-04

WHEREAS, the future of South Carolina rests with the youth of today; and

WHEREAS, the state will not be able to continue to prosper unless her young people are adequately educated and equipped to fill the jobs of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, a growing proportion of those youth are at risk of lifelong poverty and dependency because of social, economic and educational disadvantages that handicap them in their efforts to achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, such long-term poverty and dependency impose a tremendous burden on the state in terms of lost tax revenue, unemployment, welfare, and crime; and

WHEREAS, the costs in human terms are even greater; and

WHEREAS, the problems that place our youth at risk (such as teen pregnancy, alcohol and drug abuse, financial need and academic failure) are multiple and varied in nature; and
WHEREAS, THE SOLUTION OF THOSE PROBLEMS WILL REQUIRE A CONCERTED AND COOPERATIVE EFFORT ON THE PART OF BUSINESS, EDUCATION, AND NUMEROUS SECTORS WITHIN STATE GOVERNMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS AT PRESENT NO ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE CHARGED WITH MAKING SUCH A CONCERTED AND COOPERATIVE EFFORT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON MY BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THIS STATE, I HEREBY CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AT-RISK YOUTH, WHICH IS TO SERVE AS THE CENTRAL POLICYMAKING BODY FOR ISSUES CONCERNING THE STATE'S AT-RISK YOUTH POPULATION. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHALL CONSIST OF:

AT LEAST FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR;

CHIEF MEN OF THE BOARDS OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS:
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;
THE STATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD;
THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION;
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;
THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION;
THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL;
THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH;
THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES;
THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE COMMISSION;
THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE; AND AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE;
A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY;
A member of the judiciary; and representatives from the local education community to include at least one superintendent, one principal, one teacher, one school board member, and one parent.

The Governor shall designate one of the five private sector representatives to serve as chairperson of the Council.

Members of the Council not representing a state agency shall receive the mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. Mileage, subsistence, and per diem for Council members and the expenses of the Council members, and the expenses of the Council in the performance of its duties must be paid by the Governor's Office. Those members representing state agencies shall receive mileage, subsistence and per diem from those agencies they represent.

The Governor's Council for At-Risk Youth shall be charged with:

1) Examining the scope and nature of the problems of at-risk youth in South Carolina and the probable impact of those problems on the state's future.

2) Reviewing the existing provision of services (educational and otherwise) to at-risk youth and identifying areas where existing practice may not be adequately serving the needs of the population.

3) Developing a statewide policy that would provide the framework for a comprehensive, cooperative approach to the problems of at-risk youth on the part of business, state government and the education community.
THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE-GOVERNOR NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 1989. TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS CHARGE PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER, THE COUNCIL MAY CREATE SUCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES OR TASK FORCES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, DIVISION OF EDUCATION WILL SERVE AS STAFF TO THE COMMITTEE.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE