EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-22(A)

WHEREAS, SOUTH CAROLINA possesses valuable resources to support an expanded agribusiness sector, including a diverse climate, prime agricultural soils, good transportation systems, a reasonable location to serve large markets, ample water reserves and others; and

WHEREAS, AGRIBUSINESS is an important component of South Carolina's long range economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING INDUSTRIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, I DO HEREBY CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA AGRIBUSINESS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE COUNCIL").

THE COUNCIL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND MARICULTURE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT THAT IS SENSITIVE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE CONSUMING PUBLIC AND THE PROCESSING INDUSTRY.
The Council shall consist of the following members:

1. The Commissioner of Agriculture
2. The President of Clemson University
3. The Chairman of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development
4. The President of the South Carolina Food Industry Association
5. The President of South Carolina State College
6. Five private sector representatives appointed by the Governor. Three private sector representatives will initially be appointed for three years. Two private sector representatives will be appointed for two years. All subsequent appointments will be for a period of two years.

The Commissioner of Agriculture will serve as Chairman of the Council.

The specific responsibilities of the Council shall include the following:

1. Coordinating an efficient means to transfer technology-related product development to growers, handlers, processors and distributors.

2. Studying ways to aggressively expedite aquaculture production in South Carolina using incentives and the help of state agencies actively involved in aquaculture and mariculture.

3. Identifying new products which could be successfully grown in South Carolina and marketed profitably nationally and internationally.
4. Identify means to expand activities in the development of new and value added food products with emphasis on aquaculture raw materials.

The Council shall be located in Columbia with a site selected by the Council members. Funds for staff support and related administrative requirements as the Council deems necessary should be provided by the state agencies who are members of the Council, with support from the Governor’s Office.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE