WHEREAS, AFFORDABLE, SAFE AND SANITARY HOUSING IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS A CONCERN THAT ANY DECLINE IN HOME OWNERSHIP WOULD MORE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT MIDDLE AND LOWER INCOME FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS, MANY SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY LOWER INCOME PERSONS, RESIDE IN UNSAFE AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE, SAFE, AND SANITARY HOUSING ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND

WHEREAS, A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE HOUSING NEEDS OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE STATE’S RESOURCES CAN BE ADEQUATELY DEDICATED TO THE HOUSING NEEDS OF ITS CITIZENS,

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, I HEREBY ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES COUNCIL (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "COUNCIL"). THE COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 15 MEMBERS TO INCLUDE A CHAIRPERSON FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
The Executive Director of the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority; two persons from the private financial sector who shall be appointed by the Governor; three persons representing the private sector construction or development industries who shall be appointed by the Governor; three persons representing public housing finance agencies or housing advocacy groups who shall be appointed by the Governor; three individuals from the general public; and, the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committees.

The duties and responsibilities of the Council shall include the following:

1. Examine and assess the housing needs in South Carolina, including the areas of energy efficiency, new housing and housing rehabilitation.

2. Examine and review of the regulatory climate to include local and state regulatory barriers to affordable housing such as unreasonable building codes, zoning and subdivision ordinances, and compliance with other state and local laws and ordinances that restrict the development of affordable housing.

3. Evaluate the missions and financial programs of the various public and private interest groups that are involved with the development of affordable housing.

4. Evaluate and recommend public incentives that encourage private sector production of affordable housing.

5. Develop a plan for increasing the quantity and quality of affordable housing that coordinates the efforts of affordable housing providers to best meet the goals of the plan.

6. Make recommendations concerning the permanent structure needed to continue the coordination of affordable housing efforts.

7. Other tasks identified by the Chairperson, with advice of the Council.

The Council will coordinate its work with the South Carolina State Housing Authority and the Governor's Office.
Staff support for the Council shall come from the Governor's Office and the South Carolina State Housing Authority. The Council shall solicit volunteers to assist it in its duties and responsibilities; and, all agencies, boards, and commissions of the State of South Carolina shall provide information that they may possess, unless otherwise prohibited by law, to the Council upon the request of the Chairperson or his designee(s).

A final report from the Council to the Governor will be due on March 31, 1990. This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order No. 89-11 and shall take effect immediately upon signature.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State