WHEREAS, Geraldine (Jerre) Dixon, the Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg, has been convicted by the Jury of Cherokee County on one count of shoplifting, a crime involving moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that in the case of conviction of any officer of the State or its political subdivisions for a crime involving moral turpitude such office shall be declared vacant; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-200 S. C. Code of Laws, 1976 ("Code") provides the grounds for forfeiture of office of mayor, if a mayor is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, and provides for a special election; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-7-190 of the Code provides the Mayor pro tempore shall serve as mayor, if a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, until a successor is elected; and

WHEREAS, I am mindful of the obligations and duties placed on me by the statutes and Constitution of South Carolina.
NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby declare the office of the Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg vacant and that the Mayor pro tempore, **David A. Hogue** of Post Office Box 144, Blacksburg, South Carolina 29702, shall serve as Mayor until such time that a special election may be held and a successor is elected and qualified to serve.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20\textsuperscript{th} DAY OF MARCH, 1990.

CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State