WHEREAS, Samuel McCutchen, Lee County Councilman, has been indicted by the State Grand Jury of two charges of violating Section 7-25-60, South Carolina Code of Laws, which deals with procuring votes by bribery; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that Samuel McCutchen will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, §8 of the South Carolina Constitution requires the Governor to suspend any officer of the state or its political subdivisions who is indicted for a crime on a charge involving moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority, it is ordered that Samuel McCutchen, Lee County Councilman, be and hereby is suspended from the Office of County Council of Lee County until such time as he shall be formally acquitted.
This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Samuel McCutchen, and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on such question.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State