State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 91-16

WHEREAS, the integrity of one's own body and the autonomy to make decisions regarding health care is a precious right of each South Carolinian; and

WHEREAS, the State has enacted laws which recognize and protect this right; and

WHEREAS, the United State's Congress passed the Patient Self-Determination Act, P.L. 101-508 (The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, Sections 4206, 4751), in recognition of the importance of educating and informing the populace concerning their rights regarding health care; and

WHEREAS, such Act requires states to formulate a written description of state law to be distributed by health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the Act prescribes no particular entity within the State to draft the description; and

WHEREAS, the Long Term Council is a state body whose membership includes all of the State's health and human services agencies; and

WHEREAS, the various perspectives represented by the Council will enhance the usability and accuracy of such written
description of state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., as Governor of South Carolina, do hereby designate the Long Term Care Council to act on behalf of this State for the purpose of drafting the written description of State law required by the Patient Self-Determination Act.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State