WHEREAS, Claude Driggers, Marlboro County Supervisor, has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Marlboro County of four charges of the offense of misconduct in office which deals with the intentional, willful and unlawful utilization of his public office for personal financial gain; and

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

WHEREAS, Section 8-1-100 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 (Cum. Supp. 1990) provides that any county officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in the event of the suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be acquitted; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority, I hereby order that Claude Driggers, Marlboro County Supervisor, be suspended from the Office of Supervisor of Marlboro County, until such time as he shall be formally acquitted.
FURTHER, I hereby appoint Dr. Jennings K. Owens of 300 Tyson Avenue, Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512, to serve as Supervisor of Marlboro County until the charges against Claude Driggers are disposed.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of guilt or innocence of Claude Driggers 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