WHEREAS, Steven B. Dawsey, Horry County Councilman, has been indicted by the Horry County Grand Jury for the following charges: four counts of violating Section 12-7-410 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, (Cum. Supp. 1990) ("Code") which deals with intentionally failing to report taxable income; nine counts of violating Section 16-9-30 and 16-9-40 of the Code which deals with perjury; seven counts of violating Section 16-17-640 of the Code which deals with blackmail and extortion; one count of violating Section 16-17-410 of the Code which deals with criminal conspiracy; three counts of violating Section 16-13-430 of the Code which deals with the fraudulent acquisition of food stamps; and one count of violating Section 34-29-20 which deals with operating a lending business without a license; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that Steven B. Dawsey will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, At least one or more of these counts are considered ones of moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 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 or 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, I order that Steven B. Dawsey, Horry County Councilman, be suspended from the Office of Council Council of Horry County until such time he shall be formally acquitted.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of guilt or innocence of Steven B. Dawsey 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