WHEREAS, Wilbur Hodge, Commissioner of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABC), has been indicted by the Statewide Grand Jury of one charge of perjury (S.C. Code Ann. § 16-9-10, 40), one count of falsely swearing (S.C. Code Ann. §16-9-30, 40), and unlawful acceptance of an item of value or favor or service (S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-490); and

WHEREAS, I am informed that Wilbur Hodge 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. 1991) provides that any state 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 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 Wilbur Hodge be suspended from the office of Commissioner of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission until such time that he shall be formally acquitted.
FURTHER, This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of guilt or innocence of Wilbur Hodge 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