WHEREAS, J. Archie Lee, Horry County Magistrate, was indicted by the Horry County Grand Jury on November 19, 1992, of two counts of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and one count of misconduct in office; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that J. Archie Lee 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 involving moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, § 8-1-100 of the Code 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.
WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am mindful of my duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority, it is ordered that J. Archie Lee, Horry County Magistrate, be and hereby is suspended from that office 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 J. Archie Lee and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on the question.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE