WHEREAS, the manpower resources of the State of South Carolina are vital to the Economic growth of the State; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between the private sector, the military services and government is necessary to improve economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, military reduction of forces has a definite impact on the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, the military is a unique source of well-trained and highly motivated workers, who have proven capability to move into the private sector and contribute; and

WHEREAS, the nation and the State have recognized the importance of transition assistance for the military as they return to the private sector for jobs, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of the employment, training, and education must be properly planned and properly executed to ensure the smooth transition of personnel and their family members
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from the military services into the State of South Carolina's workforce and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, coordination of transition services is essential to assure minimal impact on the economy of the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, I hereby establish the South Carolina Military Assistance Council to coordinate the efforts of the military, private sector, government, and education in the transition of Military Alumni and their families leaving the service to settle in South Carolina in a caring and organized manner.

The South Carolina Military Assistance Council shall be comprised of individuals from state and federal levels. The Chairman of the Council shall be the Executive Director of the S. C. Employment Security Commission and the Vice Chairman shall be the Executive Director of the S. C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The remaining members of the Council shall be: the Commissioner of the S. C. Commission on Higher Education; a designee from the S. C. Employment Security Commission; the Executive Director of the S. C. State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education, or his designee; the State Superintendent of Education, or her designee; the Executive Director of the S. C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, or his designee; the Director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, or his designee; the Director of the S. C. State Development Board, or his designee; the Commissioner of the S. C. Department of Social Services, or his designee; a representative from the South Carolina Adjutant General's office; a representative from the U. S. Veterans Administration, Columbia Office; a representative from
the U. S. Small Business Administration, Columbia Office; a representative from the Veterans Employment and Training Service, Columbia Office; a representative from the S. C. Chamber of Commerce; a representative from the S. C. Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a representative from the S. C. Department of American Legion.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE