WHEREAS, there exists a need to control the growth of prisons and jail population in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State Centered Program was initiated by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation to demonstrate the feasibility of controlling the growth of prisons and jail population by making more conservative use of imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the State Centered Program's Plan suggests that imprisonment should be limited to the most serious offenders while employing a range of appropriate sentencing options between prison and traditional probation; and

WHEREAS, the State Centered Program currently operates in three states, and the Foundation intends to expand to two or three additional states and has pledged a substantial level of grant funding as well as technical assistance for three to five years to supplement State monies to implement their Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby create a Steering Committee to be known as the “Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Grant Steering Committee” to consider and assist in the development of the State Centered Program's ultimate objective of:

(1) an improved policy-making process whereby state and local officials develop sound corrections and sentencing policies;

(2) an array of high quality community sanctions;
(3) maintenance of prison and jail populations within the rated capacity of facilities and thus at constitutional levels.

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Grant Steering Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

(1) Executive Assistant to the Governor
(2) Director, S. C. Department of Probation, Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
(3) Director, S. C. Department of Corrections
(4) Director, S. C. Department of Public Safety
(5) Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee
(6) Member, S. C. House of Representatives, House Ways & Means Committee
(7) Director, Division of Victim Assistance Office of the Governor
(8) Member of the Judiciary
(9) Chairman, S. C. Commission on Indigent Defense
(10) Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
(11) Member, Sentencing Guidelines Commission
(12) Executive Director, S. C. Commission on Prosecution Coordination
(13) Member-at-Large

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Grant Steering Committee shall organize immediately following the Foundation's pronouncement that South Carolina has been chosen and shall operate as is necessary until the Foundation ends its Program in the
State. Once the Plan is accepted, the Steering Committee shall direct the activities to be undertaken over the course of involvement with the State Centered Program.

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Grant Steering Committee shall report to the Governor once the Plan is finished.

This Executive Order shall take effect upon signature of the Governor and remain in effect until the State Centered Program Plan is completed.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE