EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94-10

WHEREAS, I have been informed that Kenneth D. Cooke, Clemson Town Council member, has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Pickens County on one count of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature; and,

WHEREAS, I am informed that Kenneth D. Cooke will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictment; and,

WHEREAS, the charge of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature is, in this case, considered to be one involving moral turpitude; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that Governor may 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 of 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, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the state of South Carolina, I hereby order that Kenneth D. Cooke, Clemson Town Councilman be and is hereby suspended from the office of Town Council for Clemson until such a time as he may be formally acquitted.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Kenneth D. Cooke, and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion as to such a question.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State