WHEREAS, the provision of adequate sources of primary and preventive health care for the people of South Carolina is an ongoing concern of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has authorized the implementation of a Medical Care Pilot Program, entitled Operation GuardCare, which will allow National Guard personnel to provide basic childhood immunization, and certain other limited health services, in medically underserved counties of South Carolina and other states; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Operation GuardCare in South Carolina will be an effective tool for immunizing some of the State's youngest children by making maximum use of personnel of the South Carolina National Guard when those personnel are not otherwise engaged in Federal service or annual training required by Title 32, United States Code, Section 502.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of this State as Commander-in-Chief of the South Carolina National Guard, I hereby authorize and direct:
1. That the Adjutant General of this State shall submit the Operation GuardCare Pilot Program Agreement which I have this day executed on behalf of the State of South Carolina, along with the legal Memorandum of Opinion prepared by the Attorney General of South Carolina authorizing such Agreement, to the National Guard Bureau of the Office of the Secretary of Defense proposing the utilization of South Carolina National Guard personnel for childhood immunization activities, and certain other limited health services, in medically underserved areas of South Carolina and seeking Federal approval and funding therefore.

2. That upon Federal approval and funding given for this proposal, the South Carolina National Guard shall act to provide childhood immunization services, in certain other limited health services, in medically underserved counties of this State, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and local health authorities, consistent with the laws of this State and the availability of South Carolina National Guard personnel, equipment, and facilities, in furtherance of and pursuant to the approved Operation GuardCare Pilot Program Agreement.
3. That South Carolina National Guard personnel assisting in the activities of Operation GuardCare authorized herein will obey and execute the general instructions of civil health authorities, charged by law with the responsibility for the regulation of health care delivery in this State, through their military chain of command.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State