WHEREAS, on February 24, 2014, the City of Belton Election Commission submitted to the Governor's Office a request to reschedule the municipal elections scheduled for February 11, 2014, which was postponed due to a snow and ice storm; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the new election be held on April 22, 2014, which shall provide sufficient time for proper notice to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, "[W]hen any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, [s]he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to h[er] appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, [s]he may designate the existing election official or other person as [s]he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result."

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order a new election to be held for the City of Belton on April 22, 2014 and designate the City of Belton Election Commission to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election to declare the result.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State