EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2014-35

WHEREAS, an election was held on November 4, 2014 by the Fairfield County Board of Registration and Elections for the office of Fairfield County Council District 3, the results of which were protested due to voting irregularities; and

WHEREAS, the election was overturned by the Fairfield County Board of Canvassers, and this decision was upheld by the State Board of Canvassers; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2014, the State Election Commission submitted to me a request to order a new election for the office of Fairfield County Council District 3 to be held on March 3, 2015; 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 authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order that a new election be held for the office of Fairfield County Council District 3 on March 3, 2015 and that the Fairfield County Board of Registration and Elections shall perform all necessary official duties pertaining to the election in accordance with applicable constitutional and statutory provisions.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE