WHEREAS, on April 29, 2010, the Marion County Election Commission ("Commission") issued an order overturning the April 13, 2010 election results for the District 4 seat of the Marion County School Board due to irregularities and discrepancies in the election rendering doubtful the result of the election;

WHEREAS, the Commission has ruled that a new election for the school board seat must be held and, because no appeal was filed to protest the ruling, the Commission's decision is final; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, provides "when 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, 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 him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as 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 (a) order that a new election be held for the District 4 seat of the Marion County School Board on August 10, 2010, or at the earliest possible date and time after August 10, 2010, as is permitted by the United
States Department of Justice; and (b) designate the Marion County Election Commission to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election to declare the result.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE