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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COLUMBIA

Executive Order

An Amendment to Executive Order of
July 11, 1974, Suspending Claude W. Blanchard, Jr.
from the Office of County Councilman of Charleston
County.

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that Claude W. Blanchard, Jr.
Member of the County Council of Charleston County, has been duly
indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of Conspiracy and Extortion
in violation of the Laws of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Blanchard is scheduled to be brought
to trial following said indictment; and

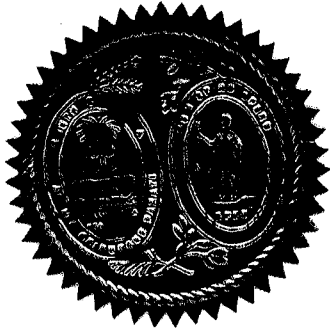
WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor
of the State of South Carolina, in accordance with, and by direction of
the Constitution of this State, and the Code of Laws of South Carolina,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The immediate suspension of Claude W. Blanchard, Jr.,
from the Office of County Councilman of Charleston County until the
Pending charges are disposed.

(2) The immediate assumption of the duties of the Office of County
Councilman of Charleston County; formerly held by Claude W. Blanchard, Jr.,
by William Harold Butt.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the guilt or innocence of Claude W. Blanchard, Jr., as that matter is properly before a Court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 14th day of August, 1974.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. West", written over a horizontal line.

John C. West
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. Frank Thornton", written over a horizontal line.

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State