WHEREAS, the efficient and effective administration of planning and programs vested in the Office of the Governor, is vital to the various segments of government and the people of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor should promote and foster planning and coordination functions for the benefit of the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor should serve as a model in establishing needed policies for the State and its people; and

WHEREAS, the need to fund programs in accordance with established procedures is essential to effective use of federal, state and other resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby establish the Office of Executive Policy and Programs in the Office of the Governor.

The Office shall serve as successor to and assume responsibilities previously vested in Community and Economic Affairs Division, Economic Opportunity Division, Education Division, Employment and Training Division,
Energy and Environment Division, Finance and Grants Management Division, Health and Human Services Division, Small and Minority Business Division, Public Safety Division, Rural Improvement Division, Transportation Division, and Volunteer Services Division. All previous orders regarding the above-mentioned offices and programs are hereby repealed.

The Office of Executive Policy and Programs shall serve as the planning and policy office, coordinator and administrator of all functions vested in the Office of the Governor, and be composed of the following divisions: Community and Economic Affairs Division, Economic Opportunity Division, Education Division, Energy and Environment Division, Finance and Grants Management Division, Health and Human Services Division, Ombudsman and Citizens' Services Division, Small and Minority Business Division, Public Safety Division, Rural Improvement Division, Transportation Division, Volunteer Services Division. In this capacity, the Office shall advise the Governor concerning public policy and shall undertake such studies, planning, and program activities as are required to render such advice and functions. Additionally, the Office shall provide assistance to the other agencies of State Government as may be requested concerning planning matters. Further, the Office shall assume review responsibilities for all plans submitted for funding by the Federal Government.

The Office shall seek to promote interagency coordination of issues of common interest. In this regard, the Office shall utilize the knowledge and services of individuals employed in other agencies of State Government.
The Office shall undertake special projects as are deemed necessary for the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of State Government. The Office shall assume all other responsibilities as assigned.

The Office is authorized to receive and dispense Federal, State and other funds made available for the above purposes.

The Divisions within the Office shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Each Division shall have Deputy Directors and Administrative Assistants for Program Management to aid the Director in supervision and policy plans of the Division who shall also be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Orders 79-14, 79-21, 81-25, 81-28, 82-61 and 85-23, and shall be effective immediately.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State