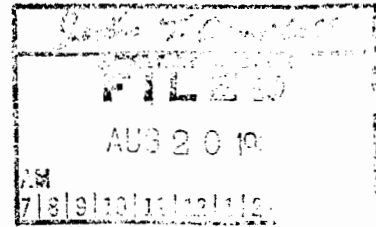


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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COLUMBIA



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-17

WHEREAS, James E. Gable, Sr., Sheriff of McCormick County has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Columbia on several charges including Embezzlement of Public Funds; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that James E. Gable, Sr., will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, §8 of the South Carolina Constitution requires the Governor to suspend any officer of the State or its political subdivisions who is indicted by a grand jury on the charge of embezzlement of public or trust funds and to appoint an officer in his stead until he shall have been acquitted; and

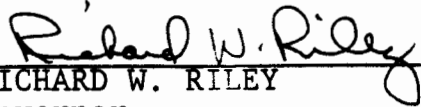
WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am mindful of the duties and responsibilities vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of such authority, it is ordered that James E. Gable, Sheriff of McCormick County be and hereby is suspended from the Office of Sheriff of McCormick County until such time as he shall be formally acquitted.

This action in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of James E. Gable, Sr. and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on such question.

I hereby appoint Jack Wilmoth Keown, Coroner of McCormick County, acting Sheriff of McCormick County until the charges against James E. Gable, Sr. are disposed of.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20th
DAY OF AUGUST, 1986


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

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ATTEST:


JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State