EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-22

WHEREAS, James E. Gable, Sheriff of McCormick County, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Columbia on several charges including Embezzlement of public funds; and

WHEREAS, James E. Gable, Sheriff of McCormick County was suspended from the Office of Sheriff of McCormick County by Executive Order No. 86-17 until such time as he shall be formally acquitted; and

WHEREAS, as indicated by Executive Order No. 86-17 and Executive Order No. 86-18, Jack Wilmoth Keown, Coroner of McCormick County, has been serving in an Ex Officio capacity as acting Sheriff of McCormick County by operation of law pursuant to §23-11-50 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 1986, James E. Gable was convicted of the crimes set forth in his indictment in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Greenwood Division; 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 virtue of such authority, I hereby declare the Office of Sheriff of McCormick County to be vacant. By operation of law, pursuant to §23-11-50 of the Code, Jack Wilmoth Keown, Coroner of McCormick County, will serve in an Ex Officio capacity as acting Sheriff of McCormick County until a successor is elected and qualified to serve.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State