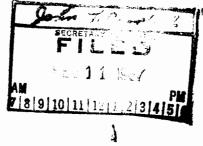
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 87-08

WHEREAS, Jack W. Keown, Coroner of McCormick County, has been indicted by an Edgefield County Grand Jury on the charge of bribery at election to procure vote under §7-25-50 and for the charge of offering bribes for purpose of inducing another to procure public office under §16-9-280 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 1987, Jack W. Keown plead guilty to bribery at election to procure vote in violation of §7-25-50 of the Code, and

WHEREAS, Article VI, §8 of the South Carolina

Constitution requires the Governor to declare a vacancy in any
office of the State, or its political subdivisions, in which the
officer is convicted of a crime; and

WHEREAS, §17-5-50 of the Code empowers the Governor to fill any vacancy in the office of coroner in accordance with §4-11-20 of the same; 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, I hereby declare the office of Coroner of McCormick County vacant, and I also do hereby appoint Dr. James Gilbert to serve the unexpired term of Coroner of McCormick County until the next general election for such office is held and a successor is elected and qualifies to serve.

This Order shall be effective on February 11, 1987.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1987.

CARROLL A. CAMPBELL JR.

Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL Secretary of State