WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (SARA) mandates the establishment of a State Emergency Response Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Act (SARA) has two primary purposes: (1) emergency planning for fixed facilities at which certain substances are present; and (2) community right-to-know;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Governor of the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, of the State of South Carolina, DO ORDER THAT:

1. There is hereby created a South Carolina Chemical Emergency Response Commission which shall consist of nine members. The Commission shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be comprised of two representatives of the Office of the Governor; one representative of the Department of Health and Environmental Control; one representative from the Emergency Preparedness Division, Office of the Adjutant General; one representative from the State Law Enforcement Division; two representatives from the Chemical Industry within the State; and
two representative at-large. The representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor concurrent with the Governor's term of office. Members shall serve without compensation. Any member may be removed by the Governor for cause.

2. The Director, Division of Public Safety Programs, Office of the Governor, shall serve as the Chairman for the Commission. The Division of Public Safety Programs, Office of the Governor; the Department of Health and Environmental Control; and the Emergency Preparedness Division, Office of the Adjutant General, shall serve as lead agencies for the State of South Carolina and shall provide staff assistance to the Commission. The agencies shall enter into a memorandum of understanding delineating each agency's responsibilities under SARA.

3. In addition to the duties mandated by SARA, the Commission shall have the following duties:

A. Develop and maintain policy and procedures for the Commission's operations.
B. Develop and make recommendations concerning resources available and/or needed to implement SARA and relevant state laws.
C. Develop and make policy recommendations for proposed regulations, or legislation, if necessary.
D. Develop and make policy recommendations regarding the implementation of SARA and related issues.

4. The Commission may receive grants, donations, or gifts of money, equipment, supplies, and services from any public or private source to carry out its duties.
5. The Commission shall meet monthly and at other times at the call of the Chairman.

6. This order shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor or until terminated by law.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State