WHEREAS, physical fitness is an optimum state of being;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the promotion of good health practices and attitudes, including physical fitness, will improve the health status of citizens of the State of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, and particularly in the State of South Carolina, most diseases are now the result of poor individual lifestyle choices;

WHEREAS, government has the responsibility of providing its citizens with current and factual information about their health and well-being in order that they might make those correct lifestyle choices;

WHEREAS, an organized and publicized program for the promotion for physical fitness would assist in increasing participation in fitness programs which in turn will improve the health status of citizens of the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution of and laws of this state, I hereby
establish the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness in order to advance the level of physical fitness of all the people of the State of South Carolina.

The Council shall serve as the state's physical fitness agency for all functions vested in the Office of the Governor and other state agencies as concerns physical fitness. In this capacity, the Council shall advise the Governor concerning public physical fitness. Further, the Council shall be charged with the responsibility of developing formalized programs to improve the physical fitness of the citizens of the State.

The Council shall lend high-level support to the effort underway in the area of physical fitness; give assistance to the state and local agencies; work with organizations, professional groups, businesses and industry, and any others in vitalizing their programs of physical fitness; determine the needs of certain groups which are not being met and establish appropriate programs; carry out intensive public support campaigns to interpret the need for physical fitness; urge civic groups and others to work for improved physical fitness and encourage individual citizens to accept their personal obligation to keep fit, and to oversee the conduct and financial transactions of the Palmetto State Games;

The Council shall be composed of twelve members selected at-large from across the State of South Carolina. A member of the South Carolina State Senate and the South Carolina House of Representatives shall serve as Ex-Officio members. The members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The members should be experienced or interested in the promotion of physical fitness.

The Council shall be headed by a Chairman who is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The
Chairman of the Palmetto State Games shall be a member of the Governor's Council. The Council shall be staffed by a director and such other employees approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, as may be needed to accomplish the work of the Council.

The Council is authorized to receive and disburse Federal and other funds made available for these purposes through the Department of Health and Environmental Control. This order rescinds Executive Order executed on June 19, 1972.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State