WHEREAS, Curtis Bagett, McCormick County Supervisor, has been indicted by the Grand Jury of McCormick County of four charges of violating § 11-19-10 South Carolina Code of Laws (1976 as amended) which deals with the unlawful expenditure of State funds for purposes other than that for which the money is specifically appropriated; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that Curtis Bagett will be brought to trial pursuant to said indictments; and

WHEREAS, § 11-9-20 of the Code provides that the Governor may, upon his attention being brought to the violation, at once suspend such officer and shall investigate the conduct of such person; and

WHEREAS, § 8-1-100 of the Code provides that any county officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in the event of the suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be 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 of the State.
NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of such authority, it is ordered that Curtis Bagett, McCormick County Supervisor, be and hereby suspended from the Office of Supervisor of McCormick County, until such time as he shall be formally acquitted.

FURTHUR, I order the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division and the State Auditor to immediately begin a thorough and complete investigation of all charges made incident to that indictment. All manners necessary to secure the documents incident to this indictment shall be preserved to insure that nothing occurs that may be deemed as an improper access to evidence.

FURTHER, I hereby appoint Mr. Jim Lewis, Route 1, Box 187, Plum Branch, South Carolina 29845, to serve as Supervisor of McCormick County until the charges against Curtis Bagett are disposed.

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


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State