WHEREAS, South Carolina has recognized the need to provide social and academic opportunities for high school students drawn from all parts of South Carolina who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, intellectual potential, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, a scholars program can provide accelerated instruction in a variety of disciplines in an environment of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, a program dedicated to the ideas of liberal arts education and the search for new areas and ways of learning will produce students who are self-aware, cultured, and knowledgeable about many fields of study; and

WHEREAS, such special educational opportunities are vital to the future of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the state of South Carolina, I hereby authorize the Governor's School of South Carolina at the College of Charleston as an organization with continuing existence since 1976.

The governing body of the Governor's School at the College of Charleston is the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston, and the Governor's School is managed by the College. The course of study is determined by the College, and instruction will be college-level with students receiving college-level credit, if appropriate.
The dates of the program will be determined by the College with the length of the program to be four to five weeks.

The chief administrative officer of the School will be the director, who is appointed by the College, with approval of the Board. The College may adopt policies and regulations as it considers necessary for the operation and management of the School.

The College will establish criteria, standards and procedures for admission of students into the program. Students must be rising high school seniors who are legal residents of South Carolina and have been identified by their schools as academically and creatively gifted to be eligible for admission.

All activities undertaken in connection with the school must comply with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, national origin, religion, or handicap.

The College may establish an advisory committee for the School, and may establish and maintain an endowment fund for the school.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS

CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State