

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-29**

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**WHEREAS**, Fred Armfield, a member of the Greenwood County Council, has been indicted by the Greenwood County Grand Jury on five counts of willfully assisting in the preparation and filing of a false document; and

**WHEREAS**, willfully assisting in the preparation and filing of a false document is a crime of moral turpitude; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides in pertinent part, that "[a]ny officer of the State or its political subdivisions, except members and officers of the Legislative and Judicial Branches, who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude or who has waived such indictment if permitted by law may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Armfield is an Officer of the State or its political subdivisions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order that Fred Armfield shall be suspended from the Greenwood County Council until such time as the charges of willfully assisting in the preparation and filing of a false document referenced above have been resolved, at which time further appropriate action will be taken by the undersigned.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997.**

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**DAVID M. BEASLEY**  
**Governor**

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