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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that Douglas E. Haynes, Coroner of the County of Pickens, has been duly indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of Grand Larceny in violation of the Laws of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Coroner Haynes is scheduled to be brought to trial within days after said indictment; and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am exercising the authority vested in me by Section 50-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, to wit:

Any State or 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 event of suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant by the Governor and the vacancy filled as provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

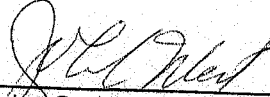
(1) The immediate suspension of Douglas E. Haynes from the office of Coroner of Pickens County until he is formally tried and either acquitted or convicted;

(2) The immediate assumption of the duties of the office of Coroner by the various Magistrates of Pickens County as provided by law in the event of a vacancy created in the office of Coroner.

This action by me in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Coroner Haynes, as that matter is properly before a court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 24th day of February, 1972.

  
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John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

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O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State