

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Office

Columbia

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that there exists within a five-mile radius of the city limits of Columbia wide-spread acts of violence and threats of violence, common disregard for the law and disorders of a general nature which constitute a danger to the persons and property of the citizens of the community, and threaten the peace and tranquility of the State, NOW, THEREFORE,

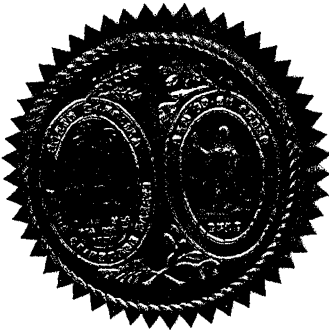
PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, I do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists within a five-mile radius of the city limits of Columbia; and in order to minimize the dangers to life, limb and property, I do hereby authorize, order and direct:

That any and all law enforcement officers of the State and its subdivisions, and the officials of said area and all other persons in authority do whatever may be deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order;


I do further order that until subsequently determined by me that the need for such restriction is no longer necessary, that a curfew be and the same is hereby proclaimed within a five-mile radius of the city limits of Columbia to commence at 7 P. M. this date, April 9, 1968, and to expire at 5:30 A. M. of each following day and to commence and terminate at those times on subsequent days until hereinafter ordered. During the hours between 7 P. M. and 5:30 A. M. those persons within the said area shall remain within their homes and all businesses shall close during hours of curfew.

Those persons required to attend to business of an emergency or essential nature shall continue as under normal conditions, but shall obtain clearance from the Commanding Officer of the National Guard Troops or Chief J. P. Strom of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division or their designates. To avoid hardship and insure that no persons will be unduly restricted, the said officials may in their discretion authorize such exceptions to the foregoing restrictions as they may feel advisable.

The Commanding Officer of the National Guard Troops and Chief J. P. Strom of South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division are hereby authorized to issue such directives as may be necessary to implement this order.

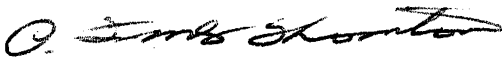


Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 9th day of April, 1968.



John C. West
Lieutenant Governor of
South Carolina

ATTEST:



O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State