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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Office

Columbia

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, South Carolina and its local political subdivisions increasingly are faced by problems and opportunities which extend beyond the jurisdictions of individual local political subdivisions and which require that coordinated area-wide responses be made; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of multi-county areas used and proposed by the several agencies of the State vary widely and often are in conflict one with another; and

WHEREAS, the State Government is being asked by local groups to approve groupings of counties into districts for a variety of single purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State needs a single sub-State district pattern, made up of groupings of counties with common economic, physical, social, governmental and other interests, to provide a consistent framework within which planning, programming and the rendering of other services by State, federal and local instrumentalities can be undertaken and coordinated; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has recognized this problem and has expressed a policy (In Bureau of the Budget Circular A-80) aimed at achieving consistent planning and development areas within the states and which gives the dominant responsibility for delineating such sub-state district patterns to the respective states; and

WHEREAS, Act 487, of 1967 Acts and Joint Resolutions of South Carolina empowers the Governor to approve the formation of regional planning organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of this State, I do hereby establish, as the official sub-State district pattern for the State of South Carolina, the pattern represented by the following groupings of counties:

Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg;

Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda;

Chester, Lancaster, Union and York;

Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland;

Allendale, Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg;

Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter;

Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion and Marlboro;

Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg;

Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester; and

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Executive Department at the Capital, Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine and the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred Ninety-third.

Robert E. McNair

Governor

ATTEST

O. Frank Thornton Secretary of State