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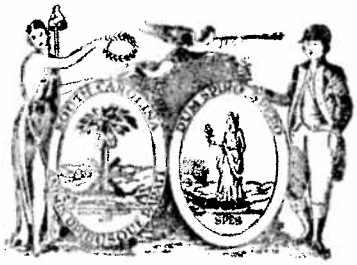

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2011-05

WHEREAS, the Grand Jurors of Hampton County indicted Henry Fields, Mayor of the Town of Varnville, on January 13, 2011, for misappropriation of public funds in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-1-110 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides that "[w]henever it shall be brought to the notice of the Governor by affidavit that any officer who has the custody of public or trust funds is probably guilty of ... the appropriation of public or trust funds to private use then ... the Governor shall suspend such officer and appoint one in his stead until he shall have been acquitted by the verdict of a jury;" and

WHEREAS, Henry Fields was indicted by a county grand jury for a crime involving the appropriation of public funds to private use; and

WHEREAS, a certified true copy of the indictment against Henry Fields has been provided to me.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby suspend Henry Fields from the office of Mayor of the Town of Varnville until such time as he shall be formally acquitted or convicted.

This action in no manner addresses the question of the guilt or innocence of Henry Fields and should not be construed as an expression of any opinion one way or another on such question.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE