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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-01

WHEREAS, Senator James Warren "Jim" DeMint resigned from the office of U.S. Senator effective January 1, 2013, at 11:59 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2013, U.S. Congressman Timothy Eugene "Tim" Scott resigned his seat in the United States House of Representatives to accept, by gubernatorial appointment, the United States Senate seat vacated by Senator DeMint; and

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the First Congressional District seat in the State of South Carolina for the duration of the unexpired term ending in January of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States of America provides, "When vacancies happen in the Representation of any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies[;]" and

WHEREAS, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the State of South Carolina, am directed, as the Executive Authority of the State, to issue a Writ of Election ordering a special election to fill a vacancy in the representation of South Carolina in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-13-190 of the South Carolina Code of Laws sets forth the special election process to fill a vacancy occurring by reason of the resignation by U.S. Congressman Scott for the First Congressional District seat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of such authority vested in me by the laws of the State of South Carolina and the United States of America, I hereby order the State Election Commission to hold a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of the First Congressional District and follow the schedule provided in Section 7-13-190 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2013.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State