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WHEREAS, South Carolina needs a competitive and skilled workforce to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to move trade-affected workers into new jobs quickly and effectively so that they continue to be productive members of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, is one of the most important tools the state has to help trade-affected workers through intervention strategies, benefits, and services designed to help rapidly provide suitable and long-term employment; and

WHEREAS, positioning the Trade Adjustment Assistance program with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program within the South Carolina Department of Commerce will allow for better coordination between available workers and job opportunities in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Public Law 105-220, Public Law 93-618, and the "Agreement between the State of South Carolina and the Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, to Carry Out the Provisions of Subchapters B, C and D of Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act, As Amended by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002," I hereby transfer the administration of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, currently located at the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, to the South Carolina Department of Commerce in an effort to increase accountability and coordination of trade-affected workers within the state.

FURTHER, I direct the Department of Commerce and the Employment Security Commission to work together openly and cooperatively to ensure a successful transition of the program by no later than October 1, 2007.

Executive Order 2007-12 is rescinded.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE