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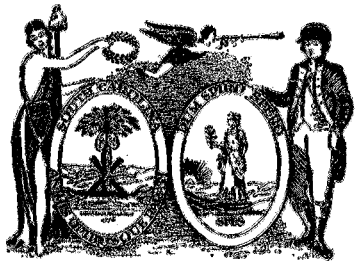

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2003-21

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2003, Executive Order 2003-02 was issued directing the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to be the operational authority and lead state agency in the counter-terrorism effort for the State; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2003, Act No. 90 (amending Section 23-3-15 of the South Carolina Code of Laws) became law and granted to SLED the specific and exclusive jurisdiction and authority over counter-terrorism efforts statewide, on behalf of the State; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 90 specifically provides that SLED shall establish and operate highly specialized tactical response law enforcement units; coordinate counter terrorism efforts, including prevention against, preparation for, response to, and crisis management of acts of terrorism, in or affecting this State; coordinate federal grants associated with homeland security; create councils appropriate to its mission; and serve as the Governor's representative to the United States Department of Homeland Security. Section 23-3-15 provides that SLED shall have specific and exclusive authority and jurisdiction statewide, on behalf of the State, to control emergency event management pertaining to explosive devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby rescind Executive Order 2003-02.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2003.

MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State