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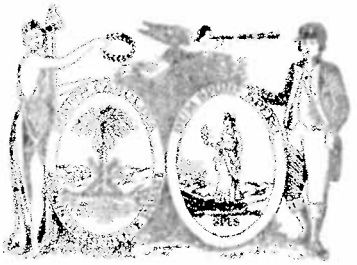

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-15

WHEREAS, United States Senator James Warren "Jim" DeMint announced his resignation on December 6, 2012, effective January 2, 2013, creating a vacancy in the representation of South Carolina in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America provides, "When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: *Provided*, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct[;]" and

WHEREAS, Section 7-19-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides in case of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator due to resignation, "the Governor may fill the place by appointment which shall be for the period of time intervening between the date of such appointment and January third following the next succeeding general election"; and

WHEREAS, the next general election in the State of South Carolina will be held in November of 2014, two years prior to the expiration of Senator DeMint's term; and

WHEREAS, being mindful of my solemn duty as governor, I shall fill the vacancy created by Senator DeMint's resignation with a qualified individual who will serve our State and Nation in similar manner and distinction as his predecessor.

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 appoint Timothy Eugene "Tim" Scott to the United States Senate, who shall serve in this office from January 2, 2013 until January 3, 2015.

This Order shall take effect January 2, 2013.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2012.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE