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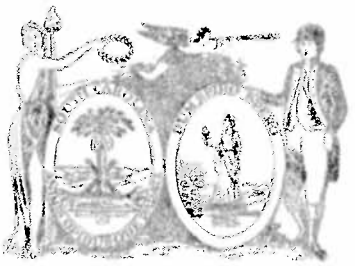

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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-05

WHEREAS, the Grand Jurors of the State of South Carolina indicted Sanford "Sam" Marion Parker, Jr., Sheriff of Chesterfield County, on March 19, 2013, for two counts of furnishing contraband to inmates in violation of Section of 24-3-950 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and four counts of misconduct in office in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina, to include failing to properly supervise inmates, converting public property to personal use, failing to ensure only properly classified and trained law enforcement officers served in Chesterfield County, and failing to properly supervise equipment, firearms, and ammunition belonging to or coming in the lawful possession of the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina law recognizes that "an act in which fraud is an ingredient involves moral turpitude...," see *State v. Horton*, 248 S.E.2d 263 (1978); *In re Derrick*, 392 S.E.2d 180 (1990), and the above-referenced indictment includes a crime that involves moral turpitude; and

WHEREAS, Sanford "Sam" Marion Parker, Jr. is an officer of a political subdivision of the State and Article VI, Section 8, of the South Carolina Constitution provides that "[a]ny officer of the State or its political subdivisions...who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude...may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted;" and

WHEREAS, a certified true copy of the indictment against Sanford "Sam" Marion Parker, Jr. 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 Sanford "Sam" Marion Parker, Jr. from the office of Sheriff of the Chesterfield County 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 Sanford "Sam" Marion Parker, Jr. 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 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE