

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2021-31

WHEREAS, on or about May 9, 2018, the Superintendent of Education declared a state of emergency in Florence County School District Four (“District”) and the Department of Education (“Department”) assumed operational control of the District pursuant to Proviso 1A.12 of the Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned has been informed that an election was not held on November 3, 2020, for three seats on the District’s Board of Trustees due to a decision by the Department not to call for or otherwise not to hold such an election at the time and in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing circumstances and events, the District recently requested that the undersigned order an election for the aforementioned seats on the District’s Board of Trustees to coincide with the General Election scheduled to be held on November 2, 2021, and the Department has since advised that the Superintendent of Education now joins in this request; and

WHEREAS, section 7-13-1170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides as follows: “When any election official of any political subdivision of this State charged with ordering, providing for, or holding an election has neglected, failed, or refused to order, provide for, or hold the election at the time appointed, or if for any reason the election is declared void by competent authority, and these facts are made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, he shall, should the law not otherwise provide for this contingency, order an election or a new election to be held at the time and place, and upon the notice being given which to him appears adequate to insure the will of the electorate being fairly expressed. To that end, he may designate the existing election official or other person as he may appoint to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election and to declare the result.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that an election shall be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the aforementioned seats on the District’s Board of Trustees. Pursuant to section 7-13-1170 of the

South Carolina Code of Laws, I designate and appoint the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Florence County to perform the necessary official duties pertaining to the election, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, and to declare the results thereof. In order to qualify as a candidate for one of the three seats, all candidates must file with the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Florence County a statement of intention of candidacy, and submit any applicable filing fees, by noon on Friday, September 3, 2021. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20th DAY OF
AUGUST, 2021.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State