

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-06

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified that there presently exists a vacancy in the office of Judge of Probate for Lexington County due to the resignation of Daniel R. Eckstrom, effective January 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy in the office of a county judge of probate, the undersigned is authorized to appoint a suitable person, who shall be an elector of the county, to serve as judge of probate pursuant to sections 1-3-220(2), 4-11-20(1), and 14-23-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Julie H. Thompson, of Lexington, South Carolina, is a fit and proper person to serve as Judge of Probate for Lexington County; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2026, the Senate confirmed Julie H. Thompson to serve as Judge of Probate for Lexington County pursuant to section 14-23-50 of the South Carolina Code of laws.

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 appoint Julie H. Thompson to serve as Judge of Probate for Lexington County, effective March 31, 2026, until her successor is appointed or elected and qualified as provided by law. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL,
2026.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State