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SECRETARY OF STATE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-55

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2019-22, establishing the South Carolina 2020 Complete Count Committee ("Committee") as part of an effort to increase awareness of, and encourage South Carolinians to respond to, the 2020 federal decennial census ("2020 Census"); and

WHEREAS, the Committee, which is led by the Lieutenant Governor, is charged with, *inter alia*, "[c]oordinat[ing] cooperative efforts and facilitate[ing] partnerships between and among the United States Census Bureau, local governments, any other in-state Complete Count Committees, and community organizations to ensure maximum participation in the 2020 Census and a complete and accurate count of South Carolina's population"; and

WHEREAS, due to the impacts of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"), the United States Census Bureau previously suspended field operations in connection with the 2020 Census and has since modified certain processes and procedures to protect the safety of its employees and the American public; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing and to ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities, the United States Census Bureau has extended the deadline for individuals to respond to the 2020 Census from July 31, 2020, until October 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina remains committed to increasing awareness of, and encouraging maximum participation in, the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor and the Committee have diligently led the State's community outreach and engagement efforts related to the 2020 Census, and the undersigned has determined that it is necessary and appropriate for the Committee to continue its important work to ensure that the 2020 Census provides a complete and accurate count of South Carolina's population.

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 extend the term of the Committee and all other provisions of Executive Order No. 2019-22 until December 31, 2020. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020, unless otherwise modified, amended, extended, or rescinded.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State