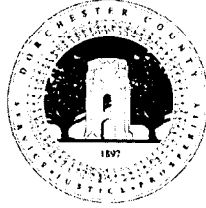


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February 9, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Re: Office of Dorchester County Coroner

Dear Governor Haley:

On October 1, 2015, your Executive Order 2015-20 directed me to serve as Interim Coroner for Dorchester County. When the initial shock subsided, I asked myself, "Now what?"

I am delighted to now report that, in large measure, due to the knowledge, dedication, and expertise of Chief Deputy Coroner Alice Durr, last fall's transition was virtually seamless. Her leadership wrapped the collective arms of the entire staff around me, and the citizens of Dorchester County have continued to be served in a professional and compassionate manner.

My sincere and fervent hope is that Alice Durr serve as Coroner until the next general election. Our citizens deserve no less than the benefit of her years of dedicated and superior service. She has earned the respect of each Coroner staff member as well from law enforcement.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our citizens. I hope to meet you in person one day to share my deep gratitude.

Best Regards,

Katrina L. Patton
Chief Magistrate
Dorchester County