

Executive Order 2001-35

(October 18, 2001)

WHEREAS, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States clearly demonstrate the fragility of the international oil distribution system, and political instability will be a hallmark of the Middle East for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the National Energy Policy Act of 1992 ("EPAAct") identified a need for increased availability of indigenously produced alternative fuels as part of an overall effort to reduce dependence on foreign oil and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, EPAAct mandates that alternative fuel vehicles must constitute 75% of annual state fleet purchases; and

WHEREAS, EPAAct identifies, among others, ethanol and biodiesel fuels as alternative fuels, and United States Department of Agriculture research revealed that South Carolina can produce both; and

WHEREAS, ethanol and biodiesel fuels can become a viable industry to diversify crop production and offer financially lucrative alternatives for South Carolina farmers; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's Clean Cities Coalitions surveyed government agencies and private companies in their regions, and identified over one thousand alternative fuel vehicles but only one publicly available refueling station.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby:

1. Strongly support the efforts of South Carolina's Clean Cities Coalitions and private business to increase the use of alternative fuels in South Carolina.
2. Whenever practical and economically feasible, require all State agencies operating alternative fuel vehicles to use alternative fuels.