

Response to 1Q constituent.



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Ms. J. Elizabeth Bradham
64 South Battery
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Ms. Bradham,

Thank you for your correspondence to our office regarding the consideration of nominating for the Nobel Peace Prize the families of the nine members of the Mother Emmanuel A.M.E. Church lost on June 17, 2015 in Charleston.

As the Governor has said:

We will never understand what motivates anyone to commit such a vile and hateful act, but our hearts and minds remain fixed on the nine families and healing our state. The families' grace and strength set a powerful example for us all, and the response of the people of South Carolina helped us strengthen our love for each other.

With regard to the question of nomination, our office has researched the nomination requirements and found that the families of the Emanuel Nine are not eligible for a Nobel Peace Prize pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of the Statutes of the Nobel Foundation. In order to be considered for a prize, the nominees must have published a written work, and further, a prize amount can only be divided between no more than three persons.

The families of the Emmanuel Nine showed extraordinary leadership and grace in the wake of the tragedy that took the lives of their loved ones. The Governor has committed in the way she can to let the forgiveness and faith displayed by the nine families not be forgotten.

Again, thank you for the taking the time to contact our office and for your shared sentiment regarding this matter. If there is anything else we can do for you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Swati S. Patel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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