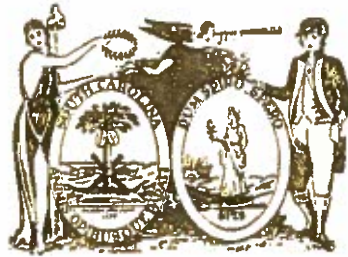


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WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Task Force, established by Executive Order 2015-04 and 2016-02, issued 50 Recommendations to comprehensively address the cultural issues surrounding domestic violence within the criminal justice system, victim and offender services, and community awareness, education, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, finding that there was no statewide, concerted effort against domestic violence and no statewide, central agency responsible for crime victims in general, Recommendation 42 by the Domestic Violence Task Force proposed to convene state and local government and nonprofit entities to develop a consensus of proposing a restructuring solution for streamlining the State's multiple crime victim related agencies and services; and

WHEREAS, it has been presented to me that stakeholders from government and nongovernment organizations are in agreement to consolidate, co-locate, and coordinate crime victims services in the State of South Carolina under the Attorney General's Office to be called, South Carolina Crime Victims Services, and to be composed of multiple agencies and services throughout state government; and

WHEREAS, I am mindful of the need to supplement such proposed statutory changes with a detailed transition plan that addresses administrative matters to ensure that members of the General Assembly, the public, and the crime victims community are satisfied with the manner and method of how such a transition would take place.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby establish the Crime Victims Services Transition Team to address operational matters surrounding the execution of consolidating and co-locating crime victims services from multiple state agencies and services to the Attorney General's Office, Crime Victims Services.

Members of the Transition Team shall include representatives appointed by the Attorney General and by the Directors of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Administration with staff support also provided by Department of Administration.

The Transition Team shall develop a Transition Plan that takes into account human resources, finance, information technology, and other administrative matters as deemed necessary to effect efficiency and cost-savings.

The Transition Plan shall be submitted to the Governor's Office no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2017, the first day of the General Assembly's 2017 Session.

This Order shall be effective immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 3rd DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2016.



NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:



MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE