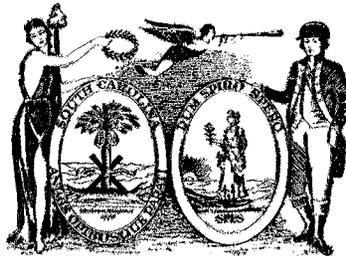


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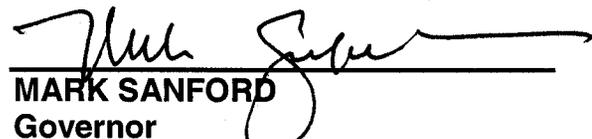
**WHEREAS**, Charles Ray Sharpe was suspended as Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of South Carolina, effective July 29, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned is authorized to appoint an interim Commissioner of Agriculture as a result of Commissioner Sharpe's suspension from office pursuant to Section 8-1-100 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Hugh Weathers, residing at 334 Cascade Road, Bowman, South Carolina 29018, is a qualified and proper person to serve as Commissioner of Agriculture.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, I hereby appoint Hugh Weathers as Commissioner of Agriculture until the charges against Mr. Sharpe have been resolved.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 14th DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.

  
MARK SANFORD  
Governor





MARK HAMMOND  
SECRETARY OF STATE