

**Executive Order No. 2016-02**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2015-04 established the Domestic Violence Task Force (hereinafter, “Task Force”) for the purpose of comprehensively addressing the cultural issues surrounding domestic violence in the State of South Carolina, including but not limited to social, economic, and geographic issues as well as professional standards and best practices within government and non-government organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, the Task Force and its various divisions and working groups have met at least 38 times with participants numbering more than 135 from at least 65 government and non-government entities, all of whom continue to actively engage in the mission of reforming the culture surrounding domestic violence in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has proposed 50 Recommendations to address the culture surrounding domestic violence within the criminal justice system, victim and offender services, and community awareness, education, and outreach, some of which are currently being implemented and some of which will continue to be implemented into 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the ongoing implementation of recommendations, there is a need for the Task Force to continue working beyond the date originally set for the Task Force’s expiration, December 31, 2015, in order to ensure that the Task Force’s work renders meaningful results for the People of South Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby re-establish the Domestic Violence Task Force of South Carolina to continue executing its duties and responsibilities to comprehensively address the cultural issues surrounding domestic violence in the State of South Carolina, including but not limited to social, economic, and geographic issues as well as professional standards and best practices within government and non-government organizations.

This Order shall supplement in part and rescind in part Executive Order 2015-04 insomuch as the dissolution date, December 31, 2015, shall be considered null and void.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY,  
2016.**

**NIKKI R. HALEY  
Governor**