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FOREWORD
BY GOVERNOR CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.

South Carolina is fortunate to have an abundance of natural beauty. From the sandy beaches and marshes of the Lowcountry and the Grand Strand to the forests, farmlands, and scenic rivers of the Pee Dee, Midlands and Upstate, we are blessed with a wide diversity of natural resources which enhance the quality of our lives. As our State's population and economy continue to grow, we must ensure that our citizens have a clean and safe environment.

In addressing issues such as air and water quality, beach erosion, and the handling of solid, hazardous, and nuclear wastes, we must engage in careful planning and responsible management. The challenge is to protect our environment while utilizing our natural resources in beneficial ways.

In order to ensure the preservation of our natural bounty and the wise growth of our state, we must continue to have environmental laws which are effective and which adapt to new discoveries and the risks associated with technological changes in our society. In addition, the State must fully enforce those laws to ensure the health and safety of our citizens. It will take more than laws, however, to protect our environment. As citizens, we all must work together to preserve our precious natural resources.

I commend the Environmental Law Society of the University of South Carolina School of Law for its leadership in establishing the *South Carolina Environmental Law Journal*. I am confident that the *South Carolina Environmental Law Journal* will serve as a valuable forum as we discover and develop new ways to preserve our State's natural resources and protect our citizens.



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