

**Executive Order No. 2018-51**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2017, the undersigned issued Executive Order 2017-05, suspending Mohsen A. Baddourah as a member of the City Council of the City of Columbia following his indictment for “a crime involving moral turpitude” pursuant to article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution, the suspension of Mohsen A. Baddourah was effective until such time as the aforementioned indictment was resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned is informed that the aforementioned indictment has been disposed of by entry of a *nolle prosequi*; and

**WHEREAS**, under South Carolina law, “a *nolle prosequi* upon charges extinguishes the State’s prosecution upon those charges” and “treats charges *nol prossed* as if they never existed,” *Mackey v. State*, 357 S.C. 666, 669, 595 S.E.2d 241, 243 (2004).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby rescind Executive Order 2017-05 and reinstate Mohsen A. Baddourah as a member of the City Council of the City of Columbia. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**