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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Use of the State Seal**

The Honorable O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State
Department of State
P. O. Box 11350
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Thornton:

You have asked whether or not your office has a duty to place the State Seal on documents which do not involve state business.

Article 4, Section 24 of the Constitution of South Carolina states that the duties of the Secretary of State shall be prescribed by law. Careful review of the applicable statutes reveal no law which requires the Secretary of State to place the State Seal upon documents which are outside the realm of State Business.

It is the opinion of this office that the Secretary of State is under no obligation to place the Seal of the State of South Carolina on any document which is not related to State business.

Very truly yours,

Walter Davies Merry, III
Assistant Attorney General

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