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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable John T. Wood
Member
House of Representatives
The State House
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Wood:

At your request, I have reviewed H-3699, which is a Concurrent Resolution to provide for a meeting of the General Assembly in Charleston on Monday, May 12 'for a service of rededication to the ideals of America,' as stated in the Resolution.

I advise that the Constitution of this State mandates that the General Assembly meet in the City of Columbia at stated intervals. The Governor of the State is granted authority to provide for another place of meeting only in the case of war or contagious diseases. I advise further that the terms of the Constitution are mandatory and prohibitory unless the context shall indicate otherwise, and, in this instance, it does not otherwise so indicate. Therefore, in my opinion, the General Assembly cannot conduct its sessions in the City of Charleston under the terms of the Constitution of this State.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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