## SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Tramadol into Schedule IV for Controlled Substances

Whereas, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) is authorized to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance; and

Whereas, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published on July 2, 2014, a final order to schedule the substance 2-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanol, its salts, optical and geometric isomers and salts of these isomers (including tramadol), into schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), effective on August 18, 2014. F.R. Volume 79, Number 127, pp. 37623-37630; <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-02/pdf/2014-15548.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-07-02/pdf/2014-15548.pdf</a>; and

Whereas, the DEA final rule states that available data and information indicate that tramadol meets the necessary findings on the potential for abuse, currently accepted medical use in the United States, and physical or psychological dependence liability for placement in schedule IV;

Now, therefore, tramadol is hereby designated and added as Schedule IV Controlled Substances pursuant to the S.C. Controlled Substances Act, effective immediately.

July \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014 Columbia, South Carolina

Allen Afnsler, Chairman

S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control