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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Respondent,

v.

Brenda Faye Mize and David Mize, Defendants,

Of whom Brenda Faye Mize is the Appellant.

In the interest of minors under the age of eighteen.

Appellate Case No. 2019-000027

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Appeal From Oconee County  
Karen F. Ballenger, Family Court Judge

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**AFFIRMED**

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of Social Services, of Anderson, for Respondent.

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for the minor children.

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**PER CURIAM:** Brenda Faye Mize appeals the family court's final order terminating her parental rights to her minor children. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 63-7-2570 (Supp. 2019). Upon a thorough review of the record and the family court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to *Ex parte Cauthen*, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E.2d 381 (1987), we find no meritorious issues warrant briefing. Accordingly, we affirm the family court's ruling and relieve Mize's counsel.

**AFFIRMED.**<sup>1</sup>

**LOCKEMY, C.J., and GEATHERS and HEWITT, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>1</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.