

Governor,

Thank you for hosting the Freshman House members last week. It was a very informative meeting and I was delighted to meet your Cabinet members and staff. The food and conversation was wonderful!

I look forward to working with you in our concerted effort to make our State the place to be.

Sincerely,
Gary Clary



State Seal of South Carolina

The State Seal of South Carolina represents the victory by the Colonists over the British in the Revolutionary War. The seal was designed in 1776.

The front side of the seal depicts a palmetto tree standing on the shore. The tree represents what is now Fort Moultrie which was made of Palmetto logs. At the bottom is a torn, fallen oak representing the British Fleet and its defeat at the hands of the colonists during the Revolutionary War. The motto at the bottom, *Opibusque parati*, translates "Prepared in mind and resources."

The reverse side of the seal shows a woman walking over a shore covered in swords and daggers. The woman represents hope and the overcoming of danger. The sunrise in the background symbolizes a new day for South Carolina, and the Latin inscription, *Dum spiro spero*, translates "While I breathe I hope."