

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, comprised of swing-dance moves performed to Beach Music, the Shag is a unique form of Southern dance that originated along South Carolina's Grand Strand; and

WHEREAS, shag dancing is a fun and exciting way to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle, develop friendships, and interact with the community; and

WHEREAS, shag dancing influences travel and tourism along the South Carolina coast, generating significant revenue for businesses as well as the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Shag was named the official Dance of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim 2015 as the

YEAR OF THE SHAG DANCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this unique dance and its many contributions to our distinctive cultural heritage.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA