

South Carolina

Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Nikki R. Haley
Governor

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Director

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I would like to express my support for the Legislative Audit Council's suggestion to allow the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor (SCNHC) full autonomy for its operations and programs. Over the past few years, the SCNHC has proven itself to be a valuable partner to SCPRT, and many of their efforts naturally complement our agency's programs and goals, especially for promoting travel and tourism in Undiscovered South Carolina.

In addition, the SCNHC is the only heritage area in the U.S. that is currently managed by a state government office. I feel that allowing them full autonomy will better adhere to the original intent and purpose of the heritage areas program and will, ultimately, maximize the potential benefits we can achieve through a collaborative and equal partnership. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Duane Parrish



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