

# The Town of Ridge Spring

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February 16, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

I hope this letter finds you well. I know that you are very busy doing all you can for the citizens of South Carolina. I respectfully ask that you take a few minutes to look into a situation that has been ongoing since last October.

In August of 2014 I submitted an application for a Governor's Award for Mr. Flint R. Thomas of Ridge Spring. Mr. Thomas is the Founder/Director of Recovery Works, a long term recovery center for men in Ridge Spring. On September 26, 2014 I received an email from Ms. Haley Mottel stating that you had awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent to Mr. Thomas.

In October, as the presentation time neared I was informed by Ms. Mottel that this award had been put on hold, with no further explanation. Needless to say, I was somewhat baffled at this turn of events. Since that time I have sought an explanation of this matter through emails and phone calls with Ms. Mottel to no avail. I would appreciate an explanation as to the status of this award and why all this happened.

I have enclosed a copy of my original letter and the email from Ms. Mottel stating that the award had been bestowed. I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you for your prompt action and assistance in this matter.

May God Bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Bartley  
Mayor, Ridge Spring SC

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August 7, 2014

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
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Dear Governor Haley,

This is a letter of nomination of Mr. Flint R. Thomas of Ridge Spring for The Order of The Palmetto. In the last six years Mr. Thomas has dedicated his life to helping those suffering from the disease of alcoholism/addiction find a new way to live.

Through his organization, Recovery Works, Mr. Thomas has helped hundreds of men to a life most of us take for granted, a life of peace, hope and serenity. His tireless dedication to Recovery Works has helped not only the participants of the program, but also the community.

Recovery Works residents have, through Mr. Thomas's leadership been active in community service projects as well as helping the less fortunate in our town. He has been a positive role model for many who have never had a role model.

I feel Mr. Thomas to be a sterling example of the spirit of South Carolina, "while I breathe, I hope." I know of no one more deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Bartley  
Mayor, Ridge Spring SC

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## **Mr. Flint Thomas - Order of the Silver Crescent**

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Mayor Bartley,

Thank you for speaking with me today. Governor Haley is proud to award Mr. Flint Thomas the Order of the Silver Crescent. She regrets that she will not be able to present the award, but Rep. Ralph Kennedy will be there to present on her behalf. Please let me know when you have confirmed all of the details so that I can have the award and letter printed with all of the correct information.

You may contact Rep. Kennedy at 803-315-4621 or his email address [Ralph@kennedylawsc.com](mailto:Ralph@kennedylawsc.com). Please let me know if you have any questions. We greatly appreciate your nomination. Hope you have a great weekend.

Thank you,

Haley

Haley Mottel

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