



July 14, 2016

To: The Honorable Nikki Haley,
Governor of South Carolina

Governor Haley:

It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to the 2016 Irmo Okra Strut Festival. The Okra Strut Commission is requesting your presence at this year's festival to be our Grand Marshall in our Saturday, September 24, 2016 morning parade.

The parade starts around 9:00 A.M., typically lasts approximately 2 hours, and a parade vehicle can be provided for you from a local car dealership, unless you prefer to use a different vehicle.

Additionally, one of your favorite local bands, The Blue Pickups, have requested that you introduce them on stage as the opening act on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. The Blue Pickups will be the opening act for The Atlanta Rhythm Section band that same evening. Representative Chip Huggins has also agreed to be there as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these two requests, it is greatly appreciated. We hope that you will join us for this unique and exciting event.

Sincerely,

Scot Sheely
Secretary,
2016 Irmo Okra Strut Festival