



June 14, 2016

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

Dear Governor Haley,

On April 19, 2017, a new institution, the Museum of the American Revolution, will open its doors in the historic heart of the City of Philadelphia. The Museum is devoted to the entire story of the war that won American independence and founded a nation that became the greatest in the world.

In honor of those patriots who joined together to fight for and create our nation, I am writing to invite your state's participation in the opening ceremony for the Museum, so that it will include a representation of all thirteen original colonies. Specifically, we would like a color guard representing South Carolina (a historic unit would be especially appropriate) to participate in an opening day parade. Also it would be a tremendous honor if you would consider joining me, the Mayor of Philadelphia, Governor of Pennsylvania, and others, at the opening ceremony.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Museum (on which I serve), I am pleased to extend our best regards and appreciation for considering this invitation. If you have any questions regarding the opening event, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Museum's president, Michael Quinn, who can be reached at mquinn@amrevmuseum.org, or at 215-253-6731.

As one of the thirteen original colonies, it would be especially meaningful to have South Carolina represented.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Rendell".

Ed Rendell