

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Shag is a form of Southern swing dancing that originated along South Carolina's Grand Strand; and

WHEREAS, initially performed to the fast-paced, big band music of the 1920's and 30's, the Shag evolved over time and, by the 1950's, adopted the slower tempo and style of rhythm and blues for which the dance is known; and

WHEREAS, The Carolina Shag was designated the official Dance of South Carolina in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Shag Clubs throughout the state are committed to promoting and preserving this South Carolina tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 28 - 30, 2014, as

CAPITAL CITY SHAG EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate our official State Dance and recognize its contributions to the unique cultural heritage of the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA