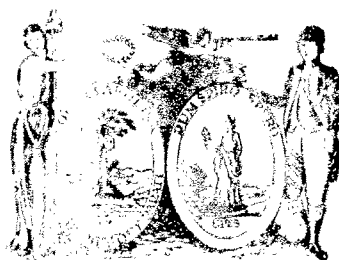


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WHEREAS, the Heritage Corridor Plan resulted from a grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) from the South Carolina Department of Transportation in 1993; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 94-15 the Governor of the State of South Carolina charged SCPRT with creating a heritage program in South Carolina, recognizing there was a bill pending before the Congress of the United States to designate a corridor in the western part of the State of South Carolina as a National Heritage Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1996, Public Law 104-333, Division II, Title VI, November 12, 1996, 110 Statutes 4260 officially established the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, providing federal funding until 2012 for the South Carolina National Heritage Trust Program "Program," and directing the selection of the management entity for the Program by the Governor of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 97-18 issued May 16, 1997, the Governor of the State of South Carolina, recognizing the significant cost of fully implementing the Program that had been created by SCPRT and federally funded by Congress, directed SCPRT to create an independent, tax-exempt public benefit corporation to lessen the financial burden on state government with respect to the management and implementation of the Program by assisting SCPRT with the operations and other requirements of the Program; and

WHEREAS, SCPRT as incorporator and registered agent filed articles of incorporation on May 19, 1997, seeking 501 (c) (3) status for SCNHC, Inc., and received said status in January 1998; and

WHEREAS, in May 1998, the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service and the State of South Carolina entered into a cooperative agreement that recognized and established SCPRT as the recipient of the federal funds, responsible for the Program as the Program's fiscal and administrative agent; and

WHEREAS, SCNHC, Inc. was established in order to raise non-public funds for the Program with the goal of creating a self-sustaining program that would ultimately not require public funding to maintain itself; and

WHEREAS, SCNHC, Inc. has been unsuccessful in raising sufficient funds to make the Program self-sustaining and is unlikely to be able to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor continues to rely heavily on SCPRT for substantial funding, administrative support, including but not limited to, budget and accounting services, human resource management, and procurement and marketing support; and

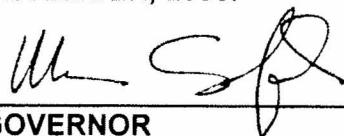
WHEREAS, SCPRT is the state agency with responsibility for tourism marketing, administration and development.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, in order to clarify the respective roles of SCPRT and SCHNC, Inc. with regard to the Program, I hereby recognize and designate SCPRT as the management entity for the Program, including all fiscal and administrative responsibilities, with full authority to direct the Program as it determines necessary.

Further, I hereby acknowledge the role of SCNHC, Inc. as an advisory body to SCPRT. With regard to SCPRT's role as management entity for the Program, SCNHC, Inc. is directed to provide input to SCPRT from local communities in the Corridor via its Board of Directors and to continue its role of raising private and local funds to support the Program.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 1st DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2008.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE