

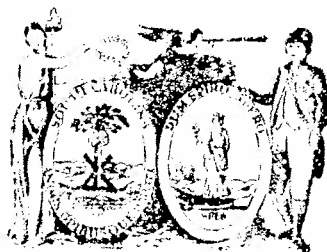
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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2011-08

WHEREAS, the Heritage Corridor Plan resulted from a grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & 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 ("Public Law") officially established the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, providing federal funding until 2012 for the South Carolina National Heritage Trust Program ("Program"), and directing 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 to be used for the management and implementation of the Program with the goal of creating a self-sustaining Program that would ultimately not require public funding to maintain itself; and

WHEREAS, the Program has continued 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, by Executive Order 2008-15 issued December 1, 2008, the Governor of the State of South Carolina recognized and designated SCPRT as the management entity for the Program and conferred full authority on SCPRT to direct the Program as it determines necessary; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2011 the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council after a thorough review of the Program recommended, as an alternative to the present structure of the Program, that SCPRT be given the control and management of all operations and aspects of the Program, including evaluating and awarding community grant applications throughout the Corridor; and

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

WHEREAS, SCPRT will recognize the Program as a cohesive 17-county heritage corridor as it is recognized by the Public Law providing federal funding for the Program and will work to promote rural tourism development throughout the heritage corridor through a comprehensive marketing and grants program administered by SCPRT; and

WHEREAS, SCPRT has experience in successfully administering federal grant funds and will administer the federal grant funds for the Program based on established criteria in accordance with the provisions of a cooperative agreement between SCPRT and the United States Department of Interior and in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations relevant to the evaluation, awarding, and accountability of grant applications for federal funds.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State, I do hereby recognize SCPRT as the management entity of the Program, recipient of the federal grant funds, and the agent for all fiscal and administrative responsibilities connected thereto, with full authority to organize, implement and direct the Program as it determines necessary and appropriate. I also acknowledge and recognize SCPRT as the entity responsible for evaluating, awarding, and maintaining accountability of grant applications for the Program.

FURTHER, I hereby acknowledge and recognize the role of SCNHC, Inc. as an independent, autonomous public benefit corporation organized and existing for the purpose of supporting heritage development in the Corridor.


This Order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH,
2011.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:



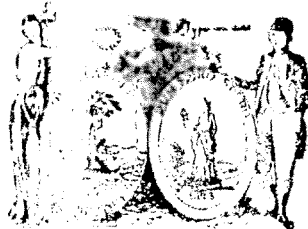
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Secretary of State

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Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2008-15

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

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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

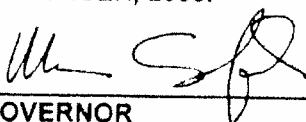
WHEREAS, SCPRT is the state agency with responsibility for tourism marketing, administration and development.

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 12 DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2008.



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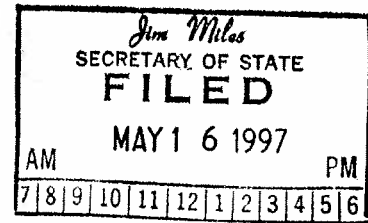
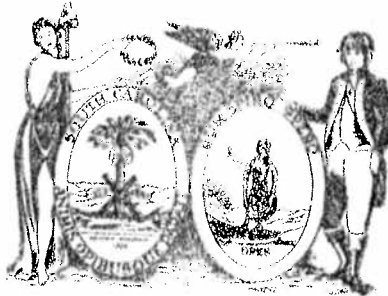
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SECRETARY OF STATE

State of South Carolina

Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

97-18

WHEREAS, Tourism is an important industry worldwide and the second leading industry in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the concept of stimulating economic development through Heritage Tourism is a nationally recognized practice and has been quite effective in the Mid-West, New England, and the Mid-Atlantic regions, and the State has recognized Cultural and Heritage Tourism as a highly effective strategy for rural economic development in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism undertook the creation of a heritage tourism program for economic revitalization in South Carolina (the "Heritage Tourism Program" or the "Program"), pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 94-15; and

WHEREAS, the State has expended funds and has committed substantial facilities and personnel to the Heritage Tourism Program and the establishment and implementation of the concept of heritage tourism as a successful economic development tool; and

WHEREAS, in February 1996, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, an Advisory Task Force completed the South Carolina Heritage Corridor Planning Study (the "Heritage Corridor Plan"), coordinated by PRT and funded in part by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Appalachian Regional Commission, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Corridor Plan embraces multiple opportunities inherent in the Heritage Tourism Program and in the creation of a heritage corridor in fourteen South Carolina counties, from Oconee to Charleston (the "Heritage Corridor"); and

WHEREAS, in the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996, Congress officially established the Heritage Corridor as the "South Carolina National Heritage Corridor"; and

WHEREAS, State government is committed to coordinating the implementation of the

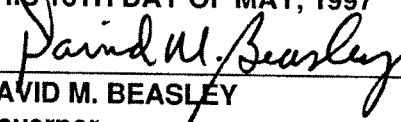
Heritage Tourism Program, including funding and management requirements of the Heritage Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the significant cost of fully implementing the Heritage Tourism Program necessitates the creation of an independent, tax-exempt public benefit corporation (the "Corporation") which will lessen the burdens of government with respect to the management and implementation of the Program and assume many, if not most, of the activities that government is carrying on with respect to the Program; and

WHEREAS, because of limited funds, government will not be able to complete the Heritage Areas Program, as contemplated in the Heritage Corridor Plan, without the Corporation's assistance.


NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State, I do hereby direct the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to establish the South Carolina Heritage Corridor as an independent, autonomous, public benefit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which corporation will assist the Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism, and other key State agencies, in supporting the goals and objectives of the Heritage Tourism Program, and in coordinating, funding, implementing, and managing the operations and requirements of the Heritage Corridor.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 1997



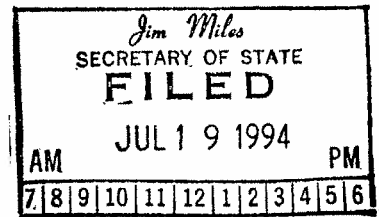
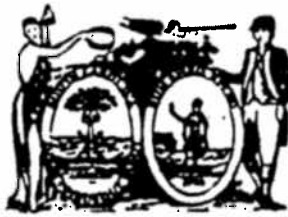
DAVID M. BEASLEY
Governor

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JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State

Executive Department



State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94-15

WHEREAS, tourism is an important industry worldwide and the second leading industry in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing domestic and international market for cultural and heritage tourism; and

WHEREAS, developing sustainable economies in the rural areas of our state often requires that we employ creative non-traditional economic development methods; and

WHEREAS, many urban areas, small towns and rural areas are major repositories of the historic, ethnic, religious, artistic, political, agricultural and industrial traditions of our state and of the nation; and

WHEREAS, small towns and rural areas need to diversify and strengthen their economies; and

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WHEREAS, by assembling and linking the cultural and natural resources of the rural areas with the infrastructure of the more urban areas, a critical mass of attractions and services can be pooled to fashion viable and appropriate tourist attractions; and

WHEREAS, a bill is before Congress to designate a corridor in the western part of the state which runs from Oconee to Charleston and includes fourteen counties and over 40 towns as a national heritage corridor; and

WHEREAS, other significant areas of our state have the potential for developing heritage areas or corridors; and

WHEREAS, heritage tourism balances both environmental and cultural conservation with economic development; and

WHEREAS, successful development of these areas will improve the social and economic viability of participating communities and, in turn, of the state, and

WHEREAS, the state's ability to provide technical assistance and a limited amount of funding to leverage private investment, conservation, preservation and reinvestment efforts will be crucial to the success of these efforts and program support from federal agencies, private foundations and the present system of parks will also be necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me by S.C. Code Ann. § 1-30-10 (Cum. Supp. 1993), I do hereby charge the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, to create a heritage program for economic revitalization in South Carolina.

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Furthermore, The South Carolina Department of Parks,
Recreation and Tourism may work with;

The South Carolina Downtown Development Association;
The South Carolina Department of Commerce;
The South Carolina Department of Archives and History;
The South Carolina Department of Education;
The South Carolina Department of Transportation;
The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources;
The South Carolina Museum Commission;
The South Carolina Arts Commission;
The South Carolina Education Television;
The South Carolina Department of Agriculture;

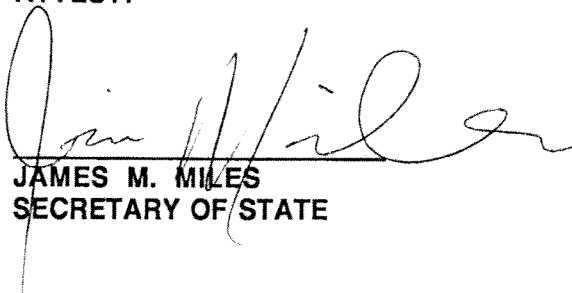
and other appropriate private and public institutions and agencies at
the state and local levels to assist the South Carolina Department of
Parks, Recreation and Tourism in this particular area of public
concern.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS

19th DAY OF July 1994.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE