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St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
Ancient Order of Hibernians – Charleston Division
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Dear Hibernians,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I would like to thank you for once again allowing us to share in the excitement of your awesome St. Patrick's Day parade.

With over 34 million Americans tracing their ancestry back to Ireland, it is easy to understand the popularity of this celebration. The first Irish immigrants brought with them a spirit of creativity and ingenuity, along with a genuine willingness to work, and you continue that tradition through your efforts on behalf of the community and your commitment to preserving and sharing the unique Irish heritage so many have grown to appreciate. It takes a lot of time and effort to organize the parade, and I'm sure this year's spectators will not be disappointed.

Michael and I wish all of you a fantastic St. Patrick's Day. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki", is written over the printed name "Nikki R. Haley".

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