

## **Executive Order 2000-08**

(February 3, 2000)

**WHEREAS**, South Carolina has a wealth of unique historic and cultural resources throughout the state, including historic battlefields, main streets, residences, buildings and archeological sites that contribute to the Palmetto State's culture and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic and cultural resources of the Palmetto State are a driving force in the investment of eco and heritage tourism dollars into the state; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to identify South Carolina's historic and cultural resources so they can be preserved and enjoyed by current and future generations and can continue to contribute to the state's economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism (hereinafter referred to as "the Task Force"), which shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To prepare a background document outlining current programs in the state and identifying their strengths and potential; and
- To determine how to facilitate the preservation of our many historic buildings, sites and landscapes through support for private stewardship; and
- To determine how to remove impediments to the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of historic resources in the policies of state and local government, and the business, financial and legal communities; and
- To determine how to coordinate the many excellent preservation programs in South Carolina into a supportive, comprehensive approach toward the maximum utilization of the state's resources; and
- To determine how to recognize and promote strategies for historic resources to ensure the best return on the state's preservation efforts in terms of our overall economic development strategy; and
- To report to the Governor in a timely manner the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

It is further provided that the Task Force shall have the following members:

- The Governor, or his designee, who shall serve as Chair;
- The Speaker of the State House, or his designee;
- The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, or his designee;
- Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History;
- Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism;
- Director, South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology;
- Superintendent, South Carolina Department of Education;
- Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Transportation;
- Executive Director, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources; and The Secretary of Commerce.

- It is further provided that the Governor can appoint seven members, one from each of the following categories:
- Preservation professionals including architects, real estate professionals, land use planners;
- Local historians;
- Community or downtown revitalization interests;
- Local government officials;
- Local preservation interest organizations;
- Statewide preservation interest organization; and
- Minority heritage interest organizations.