



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance at the beautiful Port Royal Golf Club. On behalf of the Palmetto State, I would also like to extend a special welcome to Mr. Edsel Ford II, great-grandson of Henry Ford.

South Carolina has a long and impressive history with the automotive industry, beginning in the early 1900s when the Anderson Automobile was manufactured in Rock Hill. In the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Milliken & Company in Spartanburg expanded into the automotive field, manufacturing special fabric for the seats and headliners of Henry Ford's automobiles. Today, over 45,000 South Carolinians are employed by the 250 automotive-related companies located within our borders. In 2013, South Carolina ranked second nationally for exports of automobiles and first in the number of tires exported.

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance, an event that serves to commemorate our state and nation's automotive legacy by celebrating and showcasing automotive's finest of yesterday and today. The Honored Marque for 2014 is the Jaguar. Car collectors Joseph and Margie Cassini and William and Christine Snyder have been selected as this year's Pinnacle and Honored Collectors, respectively. They and their award-winning collections will be featured in the Motoring Midway on November 1 and 2, one of the many special features at the 2014 Festival.

This world-class event spans two weekends, ten days, and two islands. From speed at Hutchinson Island adjacent to beautiful downtown Savannah to elegance on the showfield at Port Royal Golf Club on Sunday, November 2, where the Best in Show is chosen, this event has something for everyone.

Michael and I are excited to have you here and hope that your visit to the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance will be a memorable one. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley