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"Salute to
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 75-7

WHEREAS, The Bicentennial of the American Revolution provides a unique opportunity to rekindle public enthusiasm for the great principles of individual liberty and responsibility which were embodied in the Spirit of 1776; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission—pursuant to similar efforts being made at the national level—is emphasizing three themes in its program of observance, (1) "Heritage", which spotlights South Carolina's historic events, sites, and personalities; (2) "Festival", which deals with the birthday party aspect of the event, including tourism and pageantry; and (3) "Horizons", which is concerned with the future of South Carolina, its goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Fair scheduled for October 1975 will be the focal point of wide public attention and interest; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Fair Association in cooperation with the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission is planning to incorporate a Bicentennial theme in its October activities of this year; and

WHEREAS, the two organizations are jointly developing a Bicentennial rally to be held at Williams Brice Stadium at Columbia, South Carolina, on Monday, October 20, 1975, for the purpose of providing inspiration for all South Carolinians in order that they might reaffirm their dedication to the principles upon which our great nation was founded and to commit themselves to the molding of a better future for all; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inspirational rally has been designated and will be known as "We the People—A Bicentennial Salute to America";

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred on me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of South Carolina, there is hereby created a "Salute To America Committee", which shall advise the Governor, the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the South Carolina State Fair Association on policy and program matters relating to a major patriotic rally highlighting the Bicentennial theme.

The "Salute To America Committee" is hereby designated as the Policy and Program Planning Board for activities associated with the proposed commemorative rally, hereinabove referred.

The "Salute To America Committee" shall be composed of the following voting members appointed by the Governor:

- Two members from the South Carolina Senate
- Two members from the South Carolina House of Representatives
- One member from the South Carolina State Fair Association Executive Board
- One member from the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission
- One member from the University of South Carolina staff
- Thirteen members from throughout the State of South Carolina

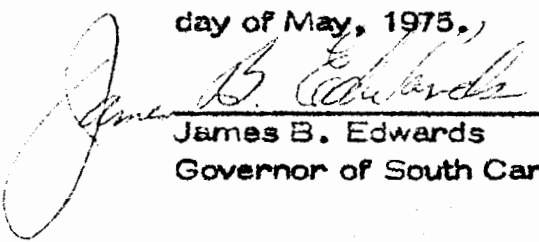
Additional non-voting members may be named by the Governor at his discretion. The total number of voting members shall not exceed twenty.

The "Salute To America Committee" shall be organized with a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

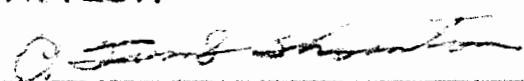
The "Salute To America Committee" with assistance from and consultation with the staffs of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the State Fair Association shall:

- (a) Function as the major decision and policy making body for the program entitled "We The People—A Bicentennial Salute To America."
- (b) Provide support and assistance essential to achieving the aims and objectives of that program.
- (c) Provide collective and individual assistance in obtaining commitments, participation, and involvement of state and national personalities and other resources, and
- (d) Perform such other functions and purposes as may from time to time be deemed appropriate to affect the purpose and intent of this order.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina, at Columbia, South Carolina this 23rd day of May, 1975,


James B. Edwards
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:


C. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State