

ADDENDUM

to the

Report of the South Carolina State Flag Study Committee, dated March 4, 2020

Following submission of its report and subsequent public comments regarding the palmetto tree in the proposed flag design (p. 12), members of the General Assembly requested that the State Flag Study Committee provide alternate palmetto tree designs for the proposed official state flag. At a meeting on January 15, 2021, the Committee voted to publish this addendum to its initial report and include two proposed alternate flag designs (A and B). Both designs utilize palmetto trees that are historic in nature, and both retain the Committee's previous recommendations concerning the form and placement of the crescent and the flag color as proposed in its report (pp. 6, 9, 12-14).

The South Carolina State Flag Study Committee also is recommending that the color approved by the Committee for an official state flag, Pantone 282 C (pp. 6, 13-14), also be incorporated into previous state legislation establishing Indigo Blue as the official State Color of South Carolina.

January 20, 2021

Proposed Alternate Design A

This design utilizes the palmetto tree that first appeared on the second official state flag, which was adopted in 1910 (Illustration 1, p. 2; Illustration 9, p. 9), while also utilizing elements of the original palmetto sketch submitted to A.S. Salley by Ellen Heyward Jervey (Illustration 11, p. 10) during that same year.



Proposed Alternate Design B

This design features a palmetto tree that has appeared on state flags since at least 1953. At nearly 70 years old, it exceeds the 50-year-old criteria for being considered “historic” by historians and the National Register of Historic Places. The origins of this palmetto design are uncertain, though it was being used by a commercial flag manufacturer by the mid 20th century.

