**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ESTABLISH SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS AS THE OFFICIAL CIVIL WAR ERA HISTORIC DRIVING TRAILS OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PERMIT SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS TO CONSULT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL ADVISORY BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CONCERNING THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND MARKETING OF THE TRAILS; TO ENCOURAGE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK WITH SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ADJACENT TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR HERITAGE TRAILS CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of South Carolina finds that:

(1) The State of South Carolina contains countless sites relating to the American Civil War era, including antebellum, military, civilian, African American, women, and Reconstruction.

(2) Many of these historic sites would be greatly enhanced, both educationally for our children, and as tourist attractions, if properly interpreted on site and adequately promoted through the establishment of historic driving trails.

(3) A comprehensive history of South Carolina’s Civil War era can be told through three historic driving trails by dividing the State into three historic regions: the Coastal War, Sherman’s March, and the pursuit of Jefferson Davis.

(4) It is in the interests of the State of South Carolina to work with South Carolina Civil War Heritage Trails to provide comprehensive, historically accurate, and cohesive Civil War era historic driving trails.

SECTION 2. The South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Board and the Department of Archives and History may, and are encouraged to, cooperate and coordinate with South Carolina Civil War Heritage Trails in the planning, development, establishment, maintenance, and marketing of Civil War era historic driving trails in South Carolina.

SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation may, and are encouraged to, cooperate and coordinate with South Carolina Civil War Heritage Trails to determine the proper placement of historic interpretive markers and roadway directional signage located in rights of way adjacent to the state highway system.

SECTION 4. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the State Museum, and other appropriate state agencies may, and are encouraged to, cooperate and coordinate with South Carolina Civil War Heritage Trails concerning educational and marketing materials related to the trails.

SECTION 5. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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