

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.**

**2022-18**

**WHEREAS**, the Order of the Palmetto, the State of South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, was established by Governor John C. West in 1971 and may be presented by the Governor to natives or residents of the State in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service, and contribution to the well-being of the State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Order of the Silver Crescent, the State of South Carolina’s most prestigious service award, was established by Governor David Beasley in 1997 and may be presented by the Governor to natives or residents of the State in recognition of a remarkable achievement or action or an individual’s significant community service or volunteerism at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who are neither natives nor current residents of the State of South Carolina but who have nevertheless made significant contributions to the State of South Carolina or benefitted the State by demonstrating or displaying remarkable leadership, service, or achievement may have heretofore warranted or been deserving of special recognition but were ineligible for consideration based on the limitations associated with the Order of the Palmetto and the Order of the Silver Crescent; and

**WHEREAS**, the term “sandlapper” is of unconfirmed origin but has been variously ascribed to South Carolinians’ role in fighting for independence in the Revolutionary War, attributed to President George Washington’s apparent use of the term during his 1791 travels through South Carolina on his Southern Tour, and utilized in reference to the Sandhills region of the State, which demarks the ancient coastline that once dissected South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, regardless of the term’s origin, subsequent generations of South Carolinians have studied the words of and learned to sing *Good Sandlappers*, by Nelle McMaster Sprott, which expresses pride in calling the State home and has further led to the informal adoption of “Sandlapper” as an endearing reference to, and nickname for, South Carolinians.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby establish the Honorary Sandlapper award, which the Governor of the State of South Carolina may award in his discretion and bestow upon individuals who are neither natives nor current residents of the State of South Carolina as a means of recognizing and expressing the State's gratitude for significant contributions to the State of South Carolina or its citizens or for extraordinary leadership, service, or achievement benefitting the State of South Carolina or its citizens. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 28th DAY OF  
JUNE, 2022.**

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**HENRY MCMASTER**  
Governor

ATTEST:

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MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State