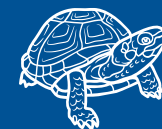
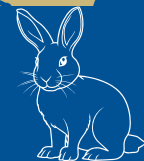




South Carolina State Library
Presents....

National Parks and Recreation Month



Check Out SC

Check Out SC is a partnership between the South Carolina State Library and South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) to encourage patrons to take advantage of public spaces, specifically state parks, and reap the benefits of spending more time outdoors.

Each **public library** may acquire at least one Check Out SC pack. Larger counties may have up to 30 backpacks for patrons to check out. Each pack includes one branded backpack, a Statewide Park Passport provided by SCPRT that allow patrons free day-entry into any South Carolina state park, and, for discovering nature, one pair of binoculars and a magnifying glass.



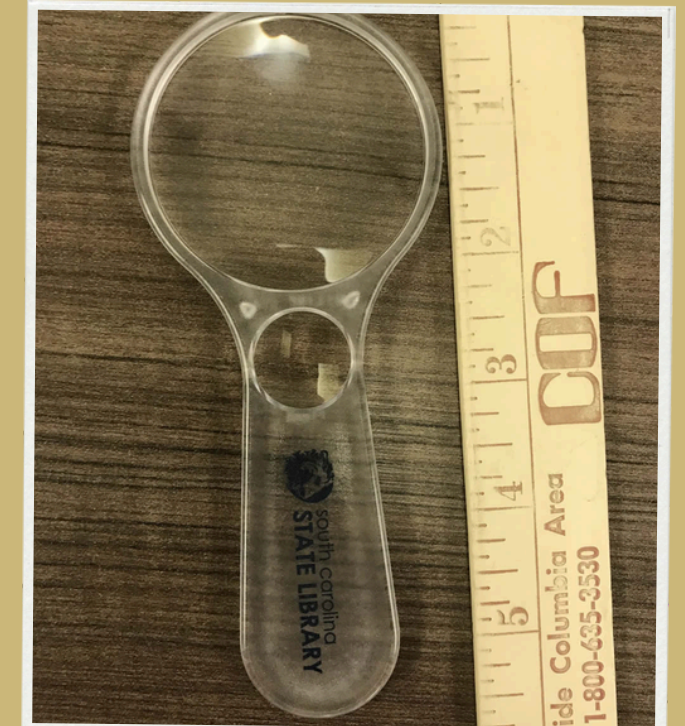
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Park Pass



Binoculars



Magnifying glass



The State Animal - The Whitetail Deer

You can pretty much guarantee a sighting of at least one of our state animals, the whitetail deer, when you visit a state park. Whether running across your path or grazing in a grassy area, whitetail deer are plentiful throughout the state. These deer range from reddish-brown to grey-brown and can be recognized by their white underside which continues to the tail. They raise the tail to show the white and signal alarm.



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The State Amphibian - The Spotted Salamander

Not as easy to “spot” as the whitetail deer, the spotted salamander is the only amphibian indigenous to the entire state. The spotted salamander is easily identified by the rows of yellow or orange spots found on its back from head to tail, but spends much of its time under rocks or logs hidden from view. Generally, they make their homes in hardwood forest areas with ponds nearby for laying their eggs.



The State Bird - The Carolina Wren

This bird might be small but it makes up for its size with his voice and distinct “tea-kettle, tea-kettle, tea-kettle” song that can be heard year-round, day and night, and in all kinds of weather. The male, who produces the song, has one of the loudest songs per volume of bird. The Carolina wren is found in all areas of South Carolina and can be distinguished from other wrens by the white stripe over its eyes. Carolina wrens are found in pairs and these pairs produce several broods each year.



The State Reptile - The Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Don't be surprised when walking along one of our state park beaches to find a loggerhead sea turtle nest roped-off and protected. The South Carolina coast is a favorite nesting place of these large reptiles. Many of the females actually travel thousands of miles to the beach they were hatched to lay their own eggs. These reptiles have strong jaws, large heads, and a reddish-brown shell. They can weigh up to 200 pounds. Currently the loggerhead sea turtle is federally listed as threatened.



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The State Game Bird - The Wild Turkey

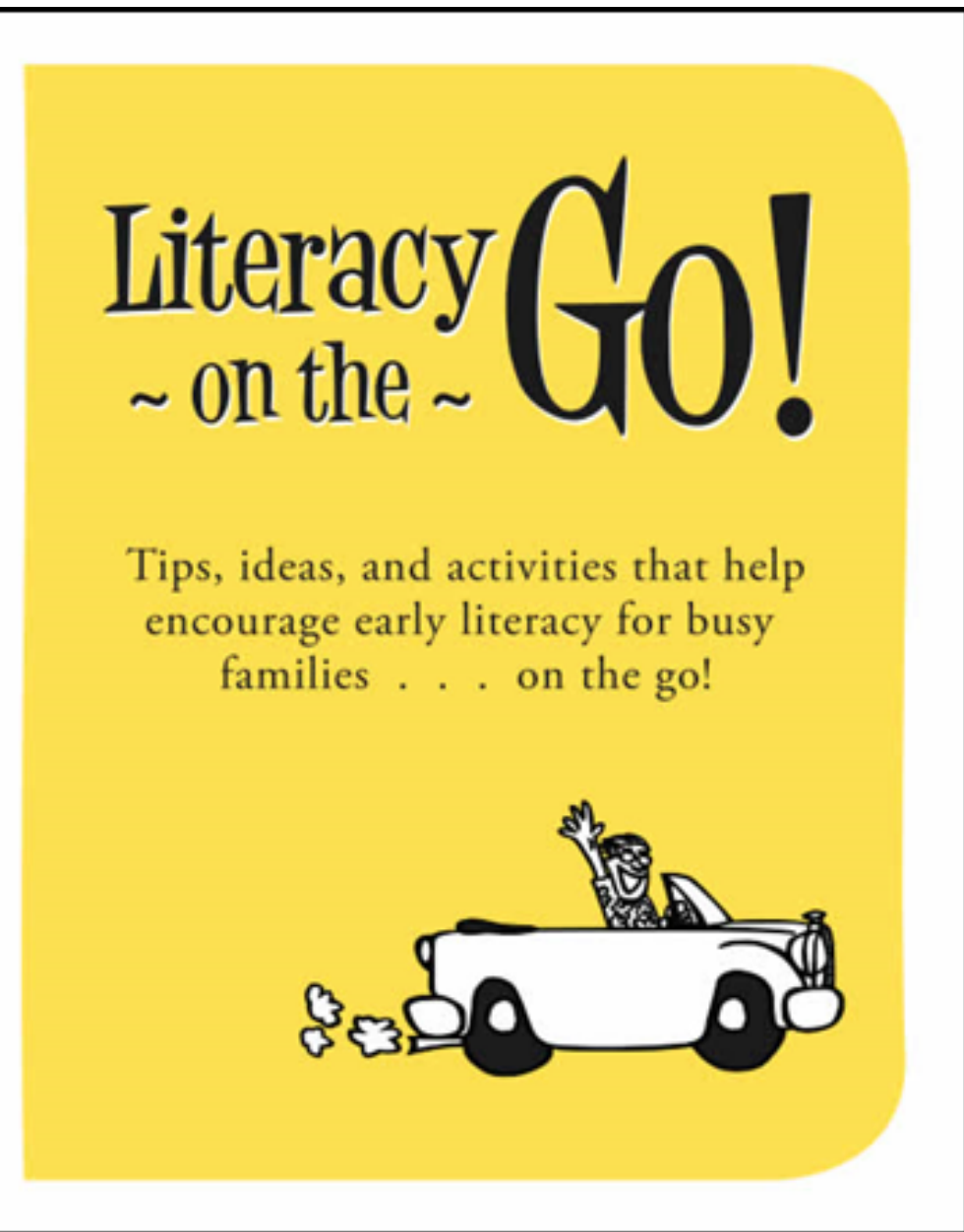
Once a dying breed, the wild turkey has made a definite resurgence and can be found in droves throughout the forests of the state of South Carolina. The male turkey, which is much larger, more colorful and has more distinct plumage, has small, featherless red heads that can turn quickly to blue and a snood that drapes over its beak. The feathers of the turkey are primarily dark in color and the turkey can spread its large tail feathers into a fan. These animals are ground dwellers but can and will fly when alarmed.



Looking for Learning Opportunities while
on the road?



Literacy -on the- go



Title: Literacy on the Go

Description: Tips, ideas, and activities that help encourage literacy for busy families on the go.

Where to Get Them: You can find these booklets at your local public library, or you may use print them out yourself using the PDF file below!



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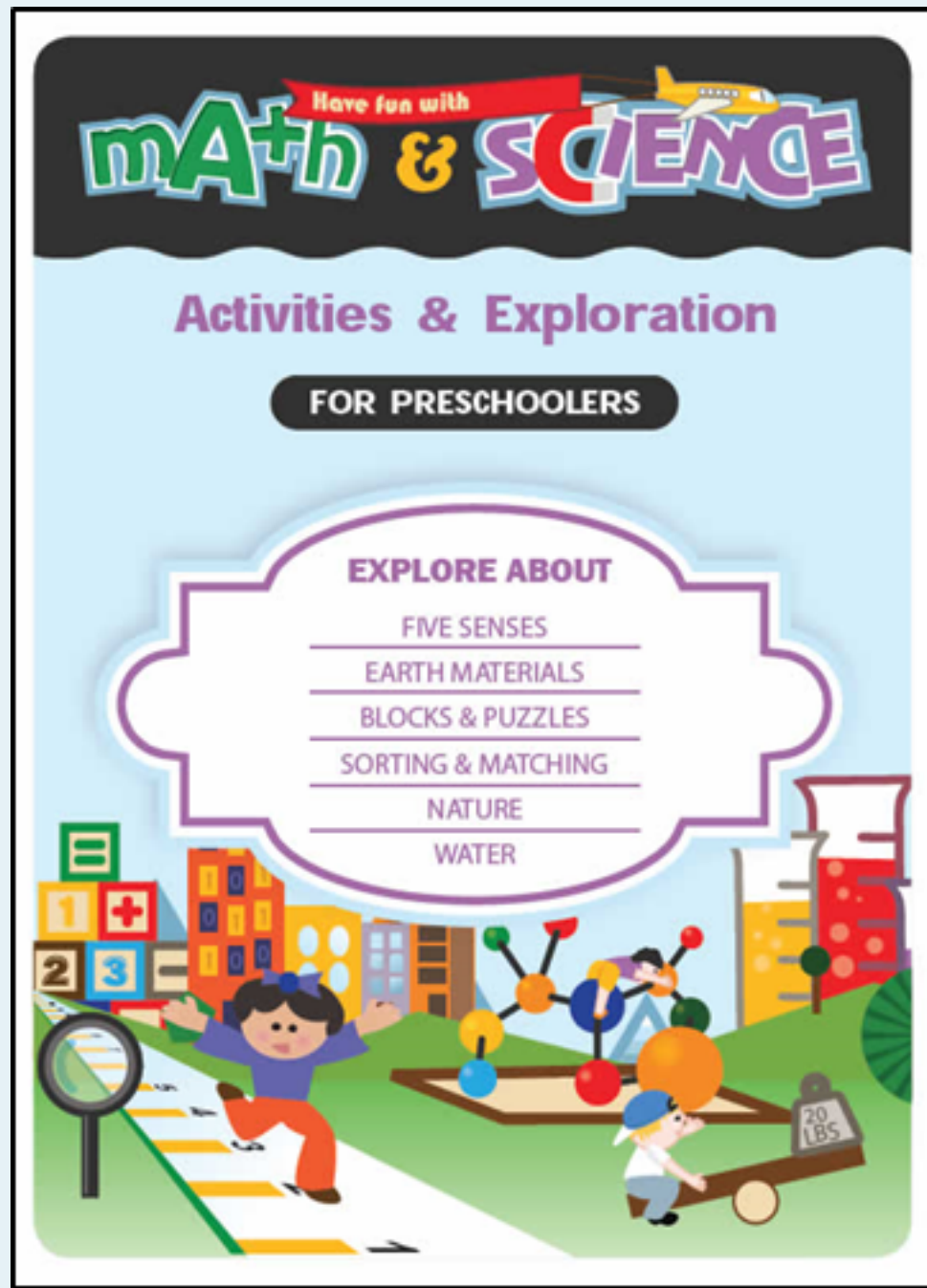
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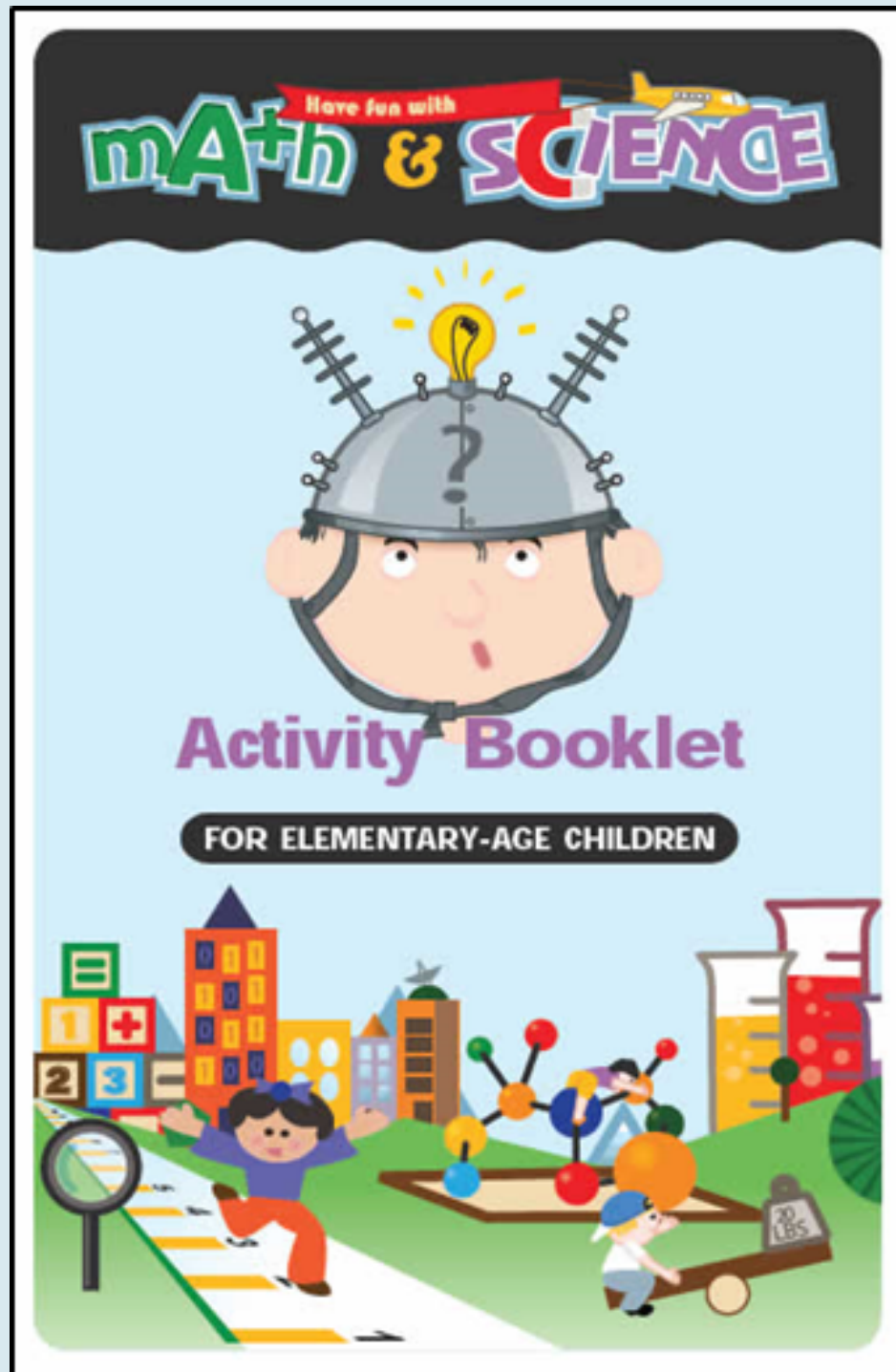
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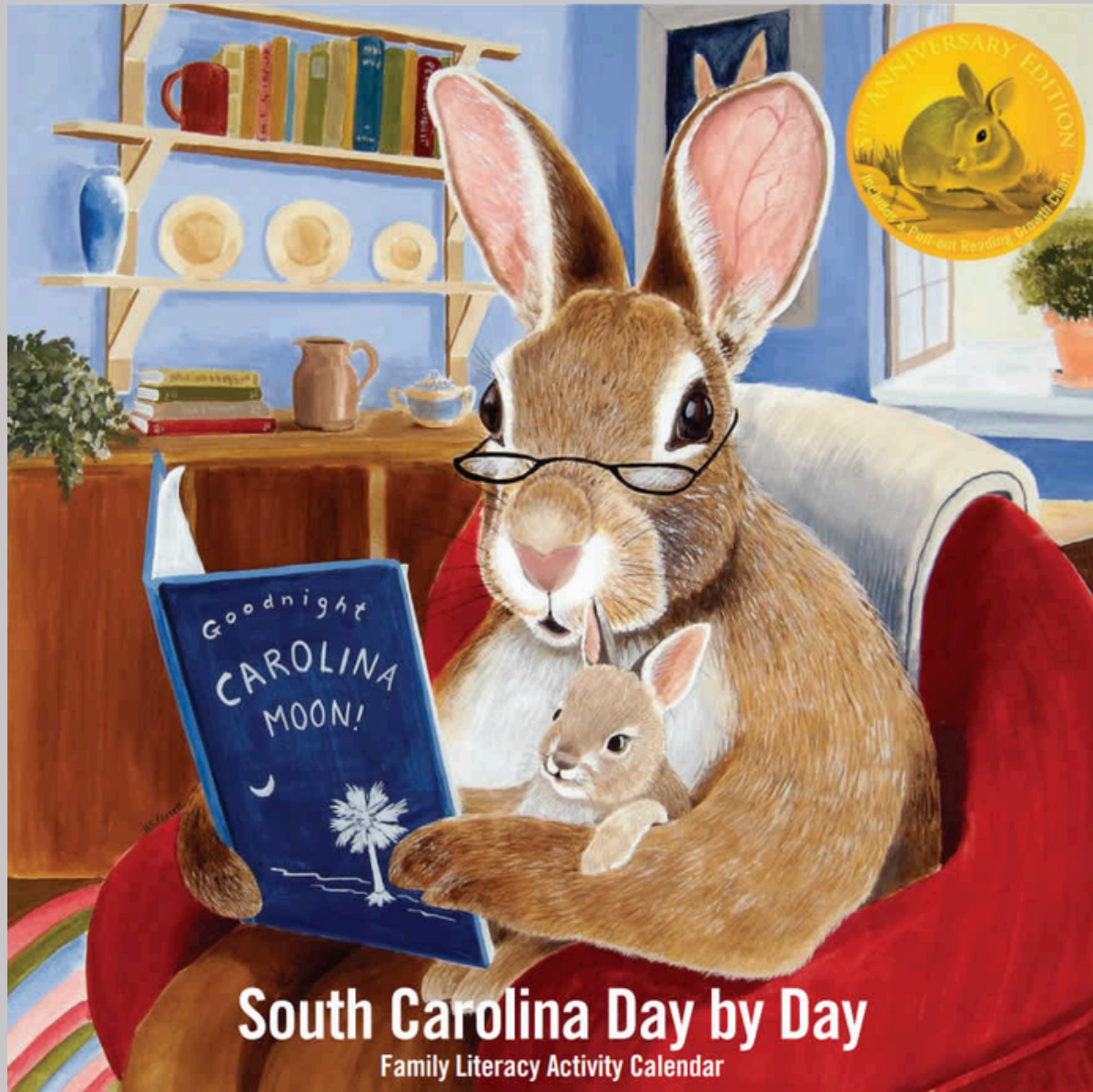
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Day By Day Calendar

Title: Day by Day Calendar

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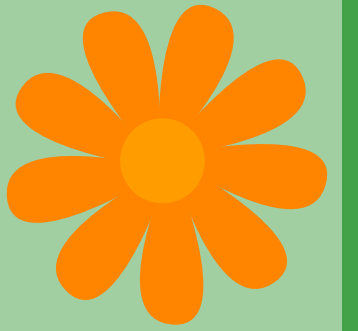
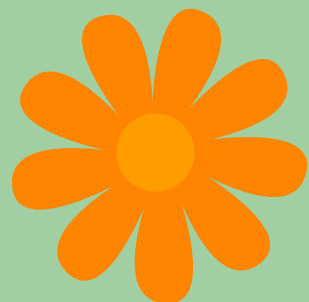
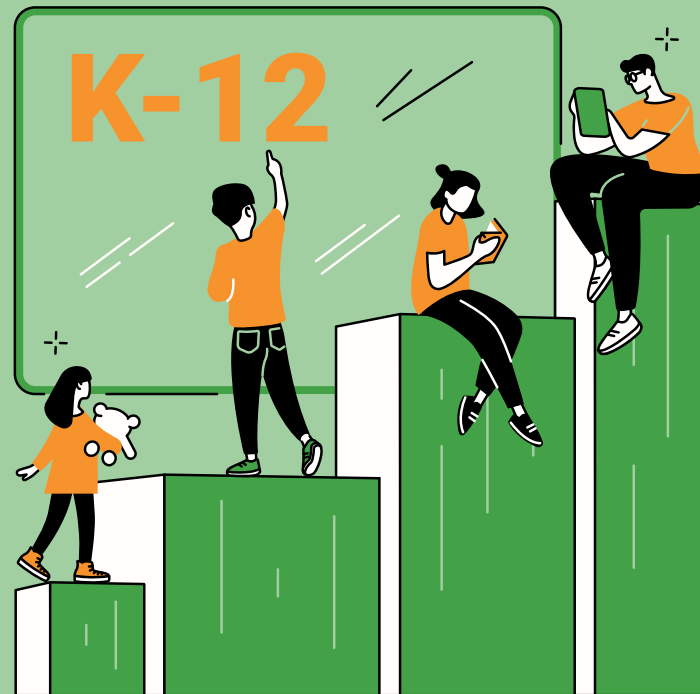




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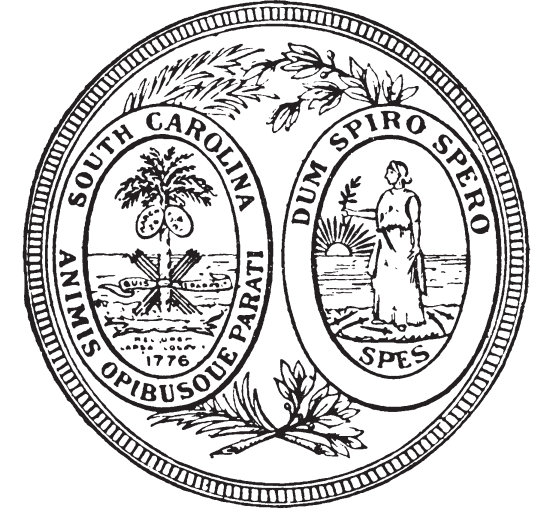


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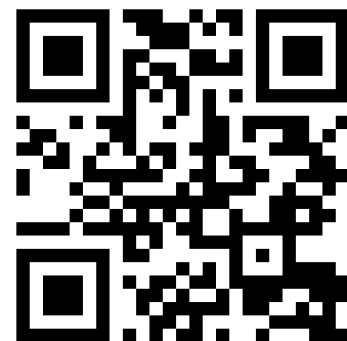
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