

South Carolina

Smiling Faces Beautiful Places

Flag:



[Asked by the Revolutionary Council of Safety](#) in the fall of 1775 to design a flag for the use of South Carolina troops, Col. William Moultrie chose a blue which matched the color of their uniforms and a crescent which reproduced the silver emblem worn on the front of their caps. The palmetto tree was added later to represent Moultrie's heroic defense of the palmetto-log fort on Sullivan's Island against the attack of the British fleet on June 28, 1776.

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The palmetto palm (a variety of fan palm) has been associated with South Carolina since colonial days, and the first appearance of **Palmetto State** (the nickname used in modern times) appears to have been around 1843. But numerous other nicknames have emerged over the years - **Rice State**, the **Swamp State**, the **Iodine State** (used to promote iodine-rich produce) and the **Sand-lapper State**. It is also sometimes known as the **Keystone of the South Atlantic**, and the **Seaboard State**. State licence plates use the first words of the song - **Nothing Could be Finer**

Economy:

Agriculture: Tobacco, poultry, cattle, dairy products, soybeans, hogs.

Industry: Textile goods, chemical products, paper products, machinery, tourism.