

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your assistance is *critical* to the success of this bill! Phone calls, letters, and emails to your state representatives and senators will greatly impact the outcome.

VOICE YOUR SUPPORT

Ask your local state senators and representatives to support S.1030!



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A Bill to Designate the
Marsh Tacky as the
State Heritage Horse of
South Carolina.

Unique to South Carolina

The Marsh Tacky, a rare colonial Spanish horse breed unique to South Carolina, played a significant role in South Carolina's history. After abandonment by Spanish explorers on the South Carolina Sea Islands almost five hundred years ago, the Marsh Tacky survived on its own and developed into a

unique strain of colonial Spanish horse. These tough, little horses assisted our



forefathers in the **Marsh Tacky** development and defense of our state and were the major source of transportation in the Lowcountry before the introduction of the automobile. Marsh Tackies were important to the Gullah community and became an integral part of agricultural life for all Low-country families.

Similar strains of Colonial Spanish Horse include the Spanish Mustang, the Banker Horses of North Carolina, and Florida's State Heritage Horse, the Florida Cracker Horse.

Historically Significant

During the American Revolution, Marsh Tackies assisted in the

victories of the famous 'Swamp



Fox' General Francis Marion. The small, agile Marsh Tackies were naturally adapted to the Lowcountry's swampy terrain, and were able to survive on forage, enabling the militia to out maneuver the British troops who rode larger European horses.

Marsh Tackies served the southern Confederate cavalry during the Civil War. Unlike Northern troops who were issued horses, Southern recruits were required to provide their own mounts, which were trained and familiar with their riders, giving an early advantage to the southern forces.

In World War II, Marsh Tackies were used by the Coast Guard's Mounted Beach Patrol to protect our mainland from saboteurs. The southeastern division of the "Beach Pounders" patrolled the coast from North Carolina to Florida..

Endangered

Over time, the traditional uses of the Marsh Tacky were replaced by machines. Today, their numbers have dwindled to less than 300.

The Carolina Marsh Tacky Association is diligently working to save the breed from extinction and preserve its history.

A bill has been introduced to designate the Marsh Tacky as the State Heritage Horse of South Carolina. Such recognition would emphasize the important role that the Marsh Tacky has played in the development of the state and would heighten awareness of our endangered equine. With its rich heritage, resilience, and perseverance, the Marsh Tacky embodies the very spirit of South Carolina.

You can help the Marsh Tacky by contacting your state representatives. Urge them to support the State Heritage Horse Bill S.1030.

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