



City of Charleston

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National Railway Historical Society
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Dear Board Members:

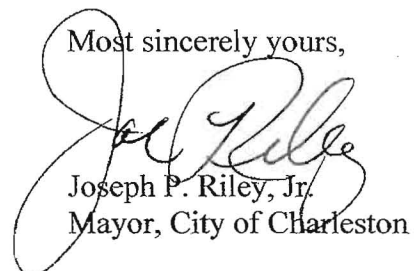
It is with great pleasure that I welcome The Board of Directors of the National Railway Historical Society to the City of Charleston. Charleston has a wonderful railroad history which I am sure you will enjoy. Charleston was actually ahead of its time as it developed the railroad. In 1833, a railroad line was built, which made it the second in the United States.

You will find Charleston a great city to visit. There are many sites to enjoy by walking from your hotel. Our historic museum homes such as the Nathaniel Russell House on Meeting Street offer a glimpse into life in our city as it captured a major place in American history. The Exchange Building, our newly-restored City Hall, and the many private homes restored to their original grandeur offer an opportunity to take a walk with history.

We revere the work of the local chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. They have played an integral part in the preservation of our railway history.

Enjoy your visit and please come back to our wonderful city again.

Most sincerely yours,



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