



Whereas, numerous states have adopted the square dance as their state dance, including South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Maryland; and

Whereas, official recognition of the square dance will enhance the cultural stature of North Carolina both nationally and internationally; and

Whereas, national and international prestige is in the best interest of all Americans; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the square dance be added to the array of State symbols; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
3 section to read:

4 "**§ 145-18. State dance.**

5 The square dance is adopted as the American folk dance of North Carolina."

6 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.