

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's human heroes and first-responders have been well-served by courageous and loyal search and rescue dogs, law enforcement and arson-detection dogs, and military dogs that risk their own lives to save those of humans in peril; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities and other medical conditions rely on the assistance offered by highly-trained service dogs who work tirelessly and obediently to support their owners; and

WHEREAS, pet dogs across America, though untrained in special skills, perform extraordinary acts of kindness and service in innovative roles including comforting children hospitalized with cancer, providing companionship to the elderly in nursing homes, and offering emotional support to veterans coping with post-traumatic stress disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2012, as

AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION HERO DOG DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the outstanding contributions made by our nation's canine heroes.



A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA