

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, Clemson University was founded in 1889 through a bequest to the State of South Carolina from Thomas Green Clemson, a Philadelphia-born, European-educated engineer, musician, and artist, who married John C. Calhoun's daughter, Anna, and settled at her family estate in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, believing that the way to rebuild his adopted state's war-ravaged economy was through scientific education, Mr. Clemson left his home and fortune to the state of South Carolina to create the institution that bears his name; and
- WHEREAS, ranked number 25 among national public universities, Clemson University is a major, land-grant, science- and engineering-oriented research university with almost 125,000 living alumni worldwide and an inclusive, student-centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit, and a competitive drive to excel; and
- WHEREAS, Clemson University's economic impact on the Palmetto State accounts for nearly 25,000 jobs, and its economic development and research initiatives are helping to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industry clusters ranging from agribusiness and manufacturing to aviation and advanced materials; and
- WHEREAS, Clemson University is part of a national system of land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture providing statewide research, extension, and regulatory programs (Public Service Activities) to enhance economic growth in South Carolina's agribusiness and forestry industries through a continuous flow of knowledge to farmers, foresters, and land managers; and
- WHEREAS, nearly 125 years after its opening, Clemson University continues to fulfill the covenant between its founder and the people of South Carolina to establish a "high seminary of learning" and "develop the material resources of the state" through its historical land-grant responsibilities of teaching, research, and extended public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2013, as

CLEMSON DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions of Clemson University to the State of South Carolina.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA