

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the First Annual Smokin' at the Farmers Market "the Commissioners Cup" BBQ Cook-Off and Festival will bring together competitors to vie for the winning designation as a South Carolina State Barbecue Champion; and

WHEREAS, as part of a fun-filled event with family entertainment, great food, and South Carolina Specialty Food Vendors, this competition is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Southern Barbeque as a culinary art and a sport; and

WHEREAS, with cooking teams participating in a professional competition, the winner qualifies for the national invitational championship event; and

WHEREAS, Smokin' at the Farmers Market "the Commissioners Cup" BBQ Cook-Off and Festival celebrates the unique barbecue traditions of our state and nation while bringing positive national recognition to the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 23-24, 2012, as

SMOKIN' AT THE FARMERS MARKET "THE COMMISSIONERS CUP" BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL DAYS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the rich diversity of this festive event.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA