

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Dr. Walter B. Edgar received his M.A. degree in 1967 and Ph.D. degree in 1969 from the University of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, following two years of service in the U.S. Army, Dr. Edgar returned to the University of South Carolina as a Post-Doctoral Fellow of the National Historical Publications Commission and, upon completion of the fellowship in 1972, joined the History Department; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Edgar was the founder and first director of the History Department's Public History Program, was named the Director of the Institute for Southern Studies in 1980, and was a full professor by 1982; and
- WHEREAS, in the forty years since joining the University, Dr. Edgar has been instrumental in increasing our knowledge and understanding of South Carolina and the American South, writing or editing more than a dozen books, contributing to professional and popular publications, providing commentary for national and international media, delivering talks to hundreds of school, civic, and community groups, and hosting the weekly "Walter Edgar's Journal" and "Southern Read" programs on SC ETV-Radio; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Edgar has earned numerous accolades for his outstanding work, including honorary degrees from Coker College, Coastal Carolina University, Davidson College, and Newberry College, membership in Blue Key and ODK, and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of South Carolina.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2012, as

### DR. WALTER B. EDGAR DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in honoring Dr. Walter Edgar for his many contributions to the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA