

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** on October 26, 1993, Jerry Richardson, a member of the South Carolina Business and Athletics Halls of Fame and owner and founder of The Carolina Panthers, announced The National Football League granted license for the first professional football team to be located in the Carolinas; and

**WHEREAS,** The Carolina Panthers played the team's inaugural season in 1995 at Clemson Memorial Stadium in Clemson, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the team continues to invest in South Carolina by and through the operation of The Carolina Panthers Training Camp at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the fourth longest continuous training camp location among all National Football League teams; and

**WHEREAS,** The Carolina Panthers contribute to the Palmetto State through the entertainment value and team spirit inherent in professional sports.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2012, as

### THE CAROLINA PANTHERS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together and recognize with appreciation The Carolina Panthers and Jerry Richardson for their contributions to our state.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**