

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats, is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization with 650,000 members, including more than 14,700 in South Carolina, who are active conservationists, sportsmen and women, and outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited has been an effective project leader in preserving and restoring more than 158,700 acres of South Carolina wetland habitats, including those within Santee and ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuges, Broad River, Bear Island, Donnelley and Fants Grove Wildlife Management Areas, and extensive work within South Carolina's Lowcountry using science-based policy and sound conservation practices to ensure these habitats will endure for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited is able to multilaterally deliver its work through a series of partnerships with volunteers, members, private individuals, landowners, state and federal agencies, scientific communities and other entities including, among others, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited has been an integral partner in wetlands conservation, unsurpassed in the number and quality of projects undertaken throughout the state that have had a strong, positive effect on the environment and waterfowl and wildlife populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2012, as

DUCKS UNLIMITED 75TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor the organization for its outstanding leadership and significant achievement in restoring vital habitats in south Carolina and throughout North America and for its work as a visionary pioneer in the world of conservation.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA