

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, small businesses make up 99.7 percent of U.S. employer firms and created 64 percent of net new jobs over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, consumer support of small businesses and "Buy Local" initiatives helps create jobs, boost local economies, and preserve neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday helps raise awareness of the many products and services offered by these merchants and businesses as well as the invaluable contributions they make to our communities, our economy, and our state.

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

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support the small businesses and merchants found in communities across the Palmetto State on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and throughout the year.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA