

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, performing as well-trained teams in defense of Americans and their allies in times of combat as well as peace, military working dogs and their handlers undergo extensive basic and specialized training to prepare for their assignments, which have included sentry, scout, messenger, tracker, and mine and tunnel duty, and to help reduce the casualty rate during combat; and

WHEREAS, the natural instincts and keen senses of hearing and smell inherent to the working dogs enable them to serve as an extension of their handlers, deterring attacks, enhancing the safety of our men and women in uniform, and faithfully serving as valuable members of our military; and

WHEREAS, military working dog teams remain an active part of our country's armed forces, helping protect our troops overseas and our bases at home; and

WHEREAS, Charleston Animal Society, the first animal organization in the Palmetto State, has great respect and appreciation for our nation's military men and women, many of whom support the Society through adoption, fostering, and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, the Joan August Terry military memorial on the campus of Charleston Animal Society honors the service of our military men and women and the animals that serve with them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016, as

MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our military working dog teams for their valuable contributions to saving lives during armed conflict and peacetime in the defense of our country.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA