

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, since its founding in 1874, South Carolina's first animal organization, Charleston Animal Society, has worked tirelessly to prevent cruelty to animals; and
- WHEREAS, as the area's only open admissions shelter, Charleston Animal Society currently takes in more than 12,000 animals each year, many of which are seriously ill or injured; and
- WHEREAS, Charleston Animal Society is committed to caring for the community's unwanted animals while striving to reduce their numbers and increase the shelter's live release rate by using proven, scientifically-based strategies including a large-scale spay/neuter program, free-roaming cat initiative, pet food bank, adoption campaigns, and educational outreach programs; and
- WHEREAS, in 2013, Charleston Animal Society set a goal to become a no-kill community by 2015 and launched one of the boldest animal rescue initiatives ever undertaken in the southeast, No Kill Charleston 2015; and
- WHEREAS, partnering with the community and other animal rescue groups to implement this innovative 10-point strategy, Charleston Animal Society achieved its goal of making Charleston County a no-kill community two years ahead of schedule, and remains focused on sustaining this incredible accomplishment; and
- WHEREAS, Charleston Animal Society is celebrating 140 years of making Charleston County a safer, healthier community for people and animals.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2014, as

CHARLESTON ANIMAL SOCIETY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the outstanding contributions of Charleston Animal Society to the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
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