

# 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.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA