

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, with the exception of Antarctica and some ocean islands, frogs can be found in their natural habitats throughout the world, with the greatest diversity of species occurring in tropical areas where water is readily available; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as biological indicators of the health of our environment, frogs make important contributions to our ecosystem by eating algae and helping keep our waterways clean during the tadpole stage, providing a source of food for other animals, consuming significant numbers of ticks, mosquitoes, and other disease-transmitting pests, and eating harmful bugs that damage crops; and

WHEREAS, frogs have played an important role in research, leading to significant discoveries and advancements in the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, from pollution, pesticides, and habitat destruction to disease, invasive species, and over-harvesting for the pet, food, and bait industries, frogs and other amphibians face a variety of threats to their existence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2012, as

FROG AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of frogs to a healthy environment and the preservation of our ecosystem.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA