

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, respecting freedom, human rights, and the rule of law, the Republic of China on Taiwan shares the core values of democracy with our country and the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan is the United States' 9<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner and South Carolina's 19<sup>th</sup> largest export destination, totaling nearly \$215 million in 2010; and

WHEREAS, companies from the Republic of China on Taiwan have invested almost \$2 billion in our economy over the years while providing high-quality employment opportunities to South Carolina workers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their common commitment to peace and prosperity, the State of South Carolina and the Republic of China on Taiwan have enjoyed friendly and fruitful relations for many years, maintaining favorable trade relations, strong cultural ties, and extensive educational exchanges; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 1981, the Province of Taiwan of the Republic of China on Taiwan entered into a sister-state relationship with the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 8, 2011, as

### THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SISTER-STATE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in extending congratulations and best wishes to the Province of Taiwan and to the Republic of China on Taiwan during this special thirtieth anniversary celebration.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA