

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, completed in 1713, The Powder Magazine was built to safely store gunpowder in the South Carolina capital of Charles Town; and

WHEREAS, The Powder Magazine is the oldest public building in South Carolina and the only standing component of the colonial fortifications of Charles Town, the only English walled city in North America; and

WHEREAS, The Powder Magazine was the first building in Charleston to be saved for its historical importance – a milestone in preservation history; and

WHEREAS, The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of South Carolina purchased The Powder Magazine in 1902 to save it from demolition; and

WHEREAS, The Powder Magazine was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1989, recognizing its importance to the city, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, The Powder Magazine was stabilized and restored by Historic Charleston Foundation during a ten-year lease of the property and continues to be operated, maintained, and open to the public by the Palmetto State's Colonial Dames for the education of its citizenry and schoolchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2013, as

THE POWDER MAGAZINE 300TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about The Powder Magazine and recognize the efforts of those who have worked to preserve this historic structure for future generations.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA