

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** official state symbols represent the cultural heritage and natural treasures of the individual states as well as the plants, animals, and other products that have special significance and importance to the states and their citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1972, the striped bass, having survived and thrived in the landlocked Santee Cooper Lakes, was designated the Official State Fish of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the State-Fish Art contest, an outreach initiative of Wildlife Forever, is a conservation education program that promotes stewardship of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2014 State-Fish Art EXPO, an annual event to recognize the artists and showcase the contest's winning art and essays, is taking place in Columbia in conjunction with the Forrest Wood Cup, the Championship of Bass Fishing being held at Lake Murray, and the FLW EXPO.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2014, as**

### STATE-FISH ART DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in welcoming this year's winners to the Palmetto State and learning more about the need to protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**