

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, rooted in the rhythm, emotion, spirit and passion of the South at the turn of the 20th Century, jazz music is an original American performing art that is popular around the world; and

WHEREAS, encompassing a range of styles including blues, ragtime and swing, and characterized by qualities such as improvisation, spontaneity and creativity, jazz often reflects the emotions and experiences of the performers; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, many South Carolinians have played a vital role in the growth and development of jazz, gaining international recognition as performers in this genre of music; and

WHEREAS, jazz music has been, and continues to be, a form of personal expression that facilitates communication between people around the world, providing a powerful tool to bridge the gap between different cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2011, as

A DAY OF JAZZ

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians join together in celebrating this American art form and its uniqueness among styles of musical performance.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA