

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, was organized by the Reverend Sarah H. Smith on May 4, 1913, in the Reverend M. G. Johnson's Presbyterian Mission on Liberty Hill Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as membership grew under the leadership of Reverend Smith, Bethlehem Baptist Church sought a permanent place of worship, holding meetings in multiple venues until construction was completed on the current church building on Lyon Street; and

WHEREAS, Bethlehem Baptist Church and its congregation are commemorating 100 years of spiritual worship, fellowship, faith, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2013, as

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the church and its congregation.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA