

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, holding its first meetings under a brush arbor, Old Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded in 1861; and

WHEREAS, Old Mount Zion Baptist Church and its congregation have experienced growth in spirituality and numbers, expanding their ministries, rebuilding the sanctuary following a fire in 1880, and establishing a Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, various choirs, a church educational scholarship, and a Good News Club in a public school to meet the needs of the members and reach out to the community; and

WHEREAS, continuing the journey of faith, fellowship, and family which began a century and a half ago, Old Mount Zion Baptist Church reaches out to serve the surrounding community by continuing the traditions established by its early founders; and

WHEREAS, Old Mount Zion Baptist Church and its congregation are commemorating 150 years of spiritual worship, fellowship, and faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2011, as

### OLD MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY

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



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA