

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, for 25 years, Reverend Dr. Wendell Estep has served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbia, ministering to the members of his congregation as well as to the community; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, First Baptist Church has built a 3,400 seat sanctuary, new facilities for education and music, and a Family Life Center, named the Wendell R. and Lynda K. Estep Family Life Center in recognition of their 20 years of ministry to the church; and

WHEREAS, in addition to expanding the membership and church facilities, Dr. and Mrs. Estep have shared their faith with many thousands of people through events like the Carolina Celebration of Liberty and Feed the Hungry, as well as through the church's Special Education Ministry and Deaf Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the family and friends of First Baptist Church are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Estep's dedicated service.

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

### WENDELL AND LYNDA ESTEP DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Estep for their many contributions to First Baptist Church, the community and our state.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA