

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, held annually in the town of Belton, South Carolina, the South Carolina State Chili Cook-Off Championship is an International Chili Society sanctioned event that brings together competitors from across the country to vie for the title of South Carolina Chili Champion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a fun-filled event with great food, family entertainment, and specialty vendors, the South Carolina State Chili Cook-Off Championship raises funds to help support non-profit organizations in the Belton community; and

WHEREAS, winners of this cook-off earn a chance to represent South Carolina as competitors in the International Chili Society's World Championships; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina State Chili Cook-Off Championship brings positive national recognition to the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2013, as

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHILI COOK-OFF DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate this festive event and its contributions to our state.



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

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