

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the overpopulation of dogs and cats is a risk to people and animals in South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** Charleston Animal Society, the first animal organization in South Carolina and one of the oldest in the country, sponsors a statewide initiative called "No Kill South Carolina 2024", to reduce the overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia of dogs and cats; and
- WHEREAS,** No Kill South Carolina began in 2016 to build a collaborative network of animal shelters, rescue groups, and communities working together to undertake the initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** since the start of this program, the lives of nearly 900,000 dogs and cats have been saved by animal organizations across South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** by achieving a No Kill South Carolina Lifesaving Rate of 90 percent in 2024, South Carolina has become the first state across the southern United States and America's Heartland to attain the milestone of becoming a No Kill State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 8 2025 as the

NO KILL SOUTH CAROLINA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the 150th year anniversary of Charleston Animal Society and their efforts to humanely control the population of dogs and cats in South Carolina.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA