

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the State of South Carolina date their establishment from 1670, when the settlement at Charles Towne, of the Province of Carolina, was founded and the first militia was organized for defense; and

WHEREAS, for more than three hundred twenty years, the Armed Forces of the State of South Carolina have maintained a proud tradition of service to the people of this State, volunteering to serve both in time of peace and in time of war, under trying conditions in every period of State history from 1670 through the War in the Gulf of 1990 and 1991; and

WHEREAS, since the early part of this century, a part of the militia of South Carolina has been organized as the National Guard, and has been called to leave the State in the service of the nation on four occasions, including the war in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has depended upon another component of the militia, called first the South Carolina Militia Reserve during World War I; the South Carolina Defense Force from 1941 to 1944; and the South Carolina State Guard from 1944 until the present time, to defend the State and to provide military assistance to civil authority; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina Defense Force was established on the twenty-first of March 1941, when Governor Burnet R. Maybank, signed the enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Defense Force, now the South Carolina State Guard, composed entirely of volunteers has served in the best traditions of its valorous predecessors, from 1941 until 1946, and now since 1981.

NOW, THEREFORE, We proclaim in Beaufort County the twenty-first of March 1991 as **South Carolina State Guard Day**, upon the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the South Carolina Defense Force, and commend the many volunteers who have served this State with dedication and honor, and express the gratitude of Beaufort County for this loyal service.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1991.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

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