

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND



PROCLAMATION

CAROLINA DAY

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1776, a force of approximately 400 South Carolina patriots, commanded by Colonel William Moultrie, manned the cannons positioned in a half completed fort on Sullivan's Island; and,

WHEREAS, for over nine hours these patriots fought vessels of the British Navy armed with nearly 300 heavy cannons attempting to enter Charleston Harbor and capture the City of Charleston; and,

WHEREAS, the sand and Palmetto logs which composed the walls of the fort made it almost impervious to the British bombardment, while the American bombardment caused the loss of one British ship and several more to be damaged; and,

WHEREAS, with the British defeated, the Patriot cause in the American Revolution won its first significant victory, ended the British campaign in the South until 1780, helped uncommitted Americans to join the Patriot cause, permitted the Southern states to continue their support of the vital Patriot military campaigns in the north, and kept the important port of Charleston open to shipping for three more years; and,

WHEREAS, the Patriot victory on Sullivan's Island gave South Carolina and the nation some of its most important heroes of the American Revolution, including William Moultrie, Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter, and William Jasper; and,

WHEREAS, for generations June 28th has been celebrated as CAROLINA DAY in South Carolina to honor the nation's first significant victory in the American Revolution; and,

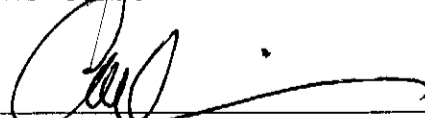
WHEREAS, the historical and patriotic organizations having reinstated the Palmetto Society, and local governmental entities have joined together to restore CAROLINA DAY to its proper place of honor, remembrance and observance in South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Sullivan's Island supports these efforts, and the national significance of the battle of Sullivan's Island in the nation's history,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl J. Smith, Mayor of the Town of Sullivan's Island do hereby proclaim that June 28, 2011 shall be designated as CAROLINA DAY in the Town of Sullivan's Island and all residents are called upon to remember the gallant and heroic defense of the fort on Sullivan's Island that helped the nation win its independence and the many liberties that have been realized with the establishment of the United States of America.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in writing I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Sullivan's Island to be affixed hereto on the 21st day of June, 2011.

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Carl J. Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Ellen Miller, Town Clerk



Andy Benke, Town Administrator