

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Flag is the greatest symbol of freedom the world has ever known, standing for life, liberty, the American dream and the millions of American men and women who fought, and died, to defend it; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to major military installations: Fort Jackson, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Shaw Air Force Base, Joint Base Charleston, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, U.S. Naval Hospital Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to over four hundred seventeen thousand veterans and has the tenth highest active duty military population and the ninth highest military retiree population of our nation's fifty states; and

WHEREAS, "The Star Spangled Banner" is our national anthem, its lyrics celebrating the American Flag and an historic victory won by brave Americans fighting and sacrificing to preserve our young nation; and

WHEREAS, standing for our national anthem prior to public events, gatherings or meetings recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of generations of men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, millions of people around the world will witness and watch one of America's most iconic sporting events, the Super Bowl.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2018, as

STAND FOR THE FLAG SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to stand for the national anthem before Super Bowl LII to honor the service and sacrifice of generations of men and women of the United States Armed Forces.



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

**HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**