City of Sumter

South Carolina

Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)
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WHEREAS, on June 28, 1776, the Colony of South Carolina with much civil support, soundly defeated a fleet of some 50 ships of the British Navy and at least 2,500 armed British soldiers at the Battle of Sullivan's Island; and

WHEREAS, said Battle took place some 6 days prior to the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America on July 4, 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Sullivan's Island was the first major patriot victory of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Sullivan's Island produced many South Carolina heroes including William Moultrie, William Jasper, Francis Marion, and John Rutledge to name a very few; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Sumter bear the name of General Thomas Sumter, who during the Revolution, fought in numerous battles, including the Battle of Sullivan's Island; and

WHEREAS, the 28th day of June of each succeeding year has been known as "Carolina Day" and has been celebrated throughout South Carolina but especially in Charleston, South Carolina, with religious services, parades, and ceremonial events including speeches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 28, 2013, as

"CAROLINA DAY"
in the
CITY OF SUMTER

and hereby urge all citizens to join me in commemorating the colonial Patriot's victory over British forces at the Battle of Sullivan's Island.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk