

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, millions of Irish immigrants have traveled to America in search of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, leaving the familiarity of their homeland to escape religious, social, and political discrimination, as well as starvation and disease, these immigrants relied on the strong spirit and character of their Irish heritage to succeed in a new country; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Irish descent have made countless contributions to our state and nation, helping fortify our democracy through their military and public service, ingenuity, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Irish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize these talented and industrious people for their rich legacy of achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the accomplishments of Irish Americans in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA