

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** written communication has played an essential role in the development of our state and nation and remains vital to our success as individuals and as a whole; and

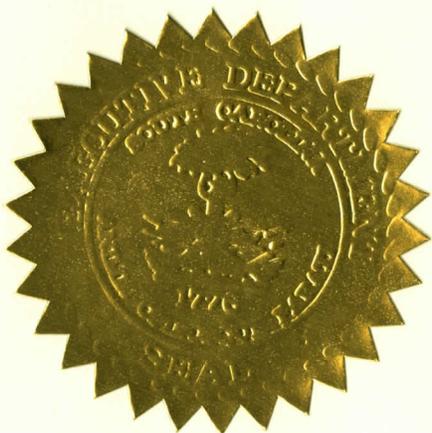
**WHEREAS,** while profound advances in technology have made spoken and electronic communication faster and more convenient than ever before, the ability to write by hand continues to be a powerful tool for personal expression and empowerment; and

**WHEREAS,** Handwriting Day is observed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January in conjunction with the birthday of John Hancock who, with his large and distinctive signature, was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2016, as

### HANDWRITING DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of handwriting in our lives.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**