

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 23rd 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 cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA