

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's harbor and navigable waterways in Charleston, Georgetown, and Jasper make our state perfectly situated to benefit from waterborne commerce that is evident in our state's rich maritime history; and

WHEREAS, the maritime community is made up of many different occupations that come together to advance the economy of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, international trade through South Carolina ports facilitates 260,800 jobs across the state in the maritime, transportation, distribution, and manufacturing industries while providing an overall economic impact of \$45 billion each year and accounting for 1 in 11 jobs statewide; and

WHEREAS, moving containerized cargo, roll-on/roll-off cargo, specialty cargo, and bulk commodities by water is efficient and environmentally friendly, and South Carolina's modern port facilities serve as the link between cargo-carrying vessels and our state's transportation network of highways, railroads, and airports; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Ports Authority is undertaking major strategic projects, including harbor deepening, constructing the Navy Base Terminal, adding new customers at the Port of Georgetown, and planning for the Jasper Ocean Terminal, in preparation for future growth and success; and

WHEREAS, this week, the South Carolina Lowcountry is hosting 2 significant port-related events, the annual State of the Port Address by the Propeller Club and the annual South Carolina International Trade Conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 8-12, 2014, as

SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our maritime community for its successful endeavors in international maritime trade.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA