

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, our country and its people find constant strength, individual peace, and personal pride in the bounty of our forests and timberlands; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning of our nation's founding, the forest and its products have provided a core of living and freedom that touches and inspires citizens with its majestic beauty and practical use; and

WHEREAS, generating an annual impact of \$18.6 billion to South Carolina's economy, forestry constitutes the Palmetto State's largest manufacturing sector in terms of jobs and labor income; and

WHEREAS, forest products are South Carolina's largest harvested crop, totaling \$759 million annually, and represent the number one export commodity from the Port of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, as a renewable resource, wood offers the availability and abundance to satisfy the state's ever-growing demands and, through active forest management, we can be assured of a continuous supply of timber for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19 - 23, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance and heritage of our vast forest resources, which are inseparably tied to our past, present, and future.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA