

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** individual and organized forms of recreation and the use of leisure time are vital to the lives of all Americans, especially persons with physical, mental, emotional, and/or social limitations; and

**WHEREAS,** recreational therapy helps eliminate barriers to leisure, develop leisure skills and attitudes, and optimize leisure involvement through treatment, education, and recreation services; and

**WHEREAS,** hospitals, rehabilitation centers, adult day care centers, residential facilities, nursing homes, and community recreation agencies provide therapeutic recreation services for millions of individuals throughout South Carolina and the nation who have disabilities or other limitations; and

**WHEREAS,** Recreational Therapy Month focuses on the value of recreation and leisure experiences as cost-effective healthcare services that help improve the well-being and quality of life for all people.

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

### RECREATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the health benefits of leisure and recreation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley", written in a cursive style.

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