

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the numerous archaeological and historical sites that have been discovered and recorded across the Palmetto State are a testament to our rich and diverse cultural development throughout prehistory and history; and

WHEREAS, archaeological sites are unique and irreplaceable remains that represent at least 14,000 years of occupation in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, protecting and preserving these sites and artifacts will help ensure that our residents can take advantage of the economic, educational, and scientific benefits they provide for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, responsible growth and development can help ensure that these special cultural resources on land and under state waters are not damaged or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, Office of the State Archaeologist, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists, the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, government agencies, museums, libraries, and other organizations, professional and avocational archaeologists, teachers, and private citizens have joined together to foster a sense of pride in protecting our state's archaeological sites.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the archaeology of the Palmetto State and work together to ensure the preservation of our rich and diverse cultural heritage.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA