

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, serving more than 33 thousand students across South Carolina, our independent colleges and universities are dedicated to providing a full range of high quality, postsecondary educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and nurturing students, adapting to ever-evolving student needs, technological advancements, and social trends while fostering creativity and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State are committed to preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, the organization that represents 20 of these institutions of higher learning, is celebrating 60 years as *A Voice for Independent Higher Education in South Carolina*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15 - 19, 2013, as

### INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK

and April 17, 2013, as

### INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions to ensuring our continued status as leaders in higher education.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA