

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout the history of our state and nation, we have welcomed people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs, many of whom were seeking relief from religious persecution, giving them the freedom to practice their faith without fear; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology have transcended the barriers of time and distance, leading to the growth of our social, economic, and cultural ties to the global community as well as challenges in understanding and communicating with our international neighbors; and

WHEREAS, open communication, mutual respect, sincere understanding, and unilateral cooperation play a vital role in the promotion of peace and goodwill among all people and between all nations; and

WHEREAS, affirming our commitment to interfaith harmony, religious liberty, and tolerance for diverse traditions and beliefs contributes to our continued strength and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, as a statewide partnership of ten different religious groups that first met on February 10, 2011, the Interfaith Partners of South Carolina has partnered with the Charter for Compassion to build a statewide network of Compassionate Communities within the Palmetto State's interfaith community which transcends religious, ideological, and national differences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as

SOUTH CAROLINA INTERFAITH HARMONY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to foster appreciation for the different faiths, beliefs, and cultures found in the Palmetto State.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA