



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
SOCIETY OF  
ENROLLED AGENTS**

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
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Governor Haley,

I am the current President of the South Carolina Society of Enrolled Agents. What is an Enrolled Agent (EA)? Enrolled Agents are America's Tax Experts. EAs are the only federally licensed tax practitioners who specialize in taxation and also have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the IRS.

The history of Enrolled Agents dates back to the Civil War era when Congress authorized the Enabling Act of 1884, also known as the Horse Act of 1884. Congress recognized a need to regulate individuals representing citizens dealing with the Treasury Department about their claims against the U.S. This act gave the Secretary of the Treasury the authority to regulate who can represent these individuals. And so, the Enrolled Agent credential was born.

South Carolina has hundreds of Enrolled Agents in the state. On behalf of the Enrolled Agents of South Carolina, I request that South Carolina join dozens of states across the country and proclaim an "Enrolled Agent Week" annually the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. I've attached a sample proclamation.

Thank you for your service to our State and her citizens.

Sincerely,

Scott Patterson, EA

Enclosures

Whereas,

The enrolled agent profession dates back to 1884 when, after questionable claims had been presented for Civil War losses, Congress acted to regulate persons who represented citizens in their dealings with the U.S. Treasury Department; and

Whereas,

The enrolled agent has been an important asset to both the South Carolina taxpayers and to the South Carolina Department of Revenue; and

Whereas,

Enrolled agents assist taxpayers with issues from the annual compliance filing of their tax return to more complex issues of Audit, Liens, Levy, Appeals and Collections; and

Whereas,

Their knowledge, professionalism, and integrity make the enrolled agent "America's Tax Expert@."

Now, therefore, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week starting Feb 1st be known as "Enrolled Agent Week" and recognize the South Carolina Society of Enrolled Agents and its enrolled agent members for its role in the tax industry of South Carolina.