

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Trail is South Carolina's premier cross-state trail for active outdoor recreation including hiking, backpacking, cycling, mountain biking, and camping; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Trail provides free public access to 360 miles of recreational passages across 14 counties from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Lowcountry coast, crossing state parks, national forests, and the State House steps and connecting the rich history and heritage of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, litter spoils the natural beauty and negatively affects the economic impact of the Palmetto Trail as a tourist destination in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, litter and illegal dumpsites are harmful to the environment, wildlife habitats, and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Conservation Foundation and PalmettoPride have partnered for a month-long cleanup campaign of the Palmetto Trail, called "The Great Trail Cleanup of South Carolina," which encourages volunteerism from citizens, business communities, and local government to clean up litter and illegal dumpsites along the Palmetto Trail.

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

THE GREAT TRAIL CLEANUP OF SOUTH CAROLINA MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to actively participate in the removal of illegal dumpsites and litter from the Palmetto Trail.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in cursive script.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA