

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Fifth Annual Commissioners Cup BBQ Cook-Off and Festival draws competitors from across the Southeast to vie for the winning designation as a South Carolina State Barbecue Champion; and

WHEREAS, this family-friendly event helps South Carolinians connect to agriculture through South Carolina Specialty Food Vendors and an entertaining atmosphere dedicated to promoting Southern Barbeque as a culinary art and a sport; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 50 cooking teams participating in a professional competition, the winner will serve as an ambassador for this great Southern tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Cup BBQ Cook-Off and Festival celebrates the unique barbecue traditions of our state and nation while bringing positive national recognition to the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 18 - 19, 2016 , as

COMMISSIONERS CUP BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL DAYS

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the rich diversity of this festive event.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

**NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**