

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the economic organization, Keidanren, along with the State of South Carolina is working to bring together corporations, communities, and business partners to further increase South Carolina - Japan relations; and

**WHEREAS,** Japan and South Carolina are partners, in terms of both international investment and global trade and, as established trade partners, Japan is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest global export destination for the Palmetto State, with exports valued at \$916 million in 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** Japan continues to be an important corporate citizen in South Carolina with 80 companies that employ 14,300 people and have invested \$4.6 billion in our state over the last 10 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is committed to growing and fostering new and existing Japanese relationships focusing on economic, cultural, and educational opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2015, as

### KEIDANREN DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the pivotal role Japan plays in South Carolina's economy.



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

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