

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 8th 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 cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA