

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** baton twirling is a sport that combines the tossing and twirling of a metal rod in a coordinated routine set to music; and

**WHEREAS,** with roots extending to European and Asian dance festivals, featuring participants using knives, rifles, torches, and sticks to twirl and toss, baton twirling progressed into the armies with the twirling of rifles and maces during marches and parades; and

**WHEREAS,** incorporating elements ranging from flexibility and coordination to physical fitness, beauty, and grace, baton twirling helps build confidence and character in young people; and

**WHEREAS,** performing individually, in pairs, or on teams, baton twirlers provide exciting and colorful entertainment in venues including recitals, competitions, parades, sporting events, and community gatherings.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26 - 30, 2016, as

### BATON TWIRLING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about baton twirling and the benefits it provides.



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

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