

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation; and

WHEREAS, in the Palmetto State, Boeing and more than 200 additional companies employ over 23,000 workers in aerospace manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, with its vital roles in our nation's economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety, the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exceptional level of quality; and

WHEREAS, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, and while the number of women in the industry has increased steadily over the past two decades, only about 16 percent of the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry workers are female; and

WHEREAS, increased participation can be achieved through collaborative efforts designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, prepare them through a quality aerospace STEM curriculum, and familiarize them with positive female role models.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015, as

GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness of the opportunities available for women in the aviation industry.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA