

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP serves low-income, minority, and disadvantaged first-generation students and their families from underserved communities, delivering support and resources starting no later than 7th grade and extending through high school and beyond to help fulfill their dreams of attaining a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, with interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, academic preparation, financial education, and scholarships, GEAR UP helps improve access to higher education for the students it serves; and

WHEREAS, built around public-private partnerships, GEAR UP enlists the resources of government, businesses, and community groups to support low-income students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21 - 25, 2015, as

SOUTH CAROLINA GEAR UP WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our GEAR UP students and the partners that are helping them achieve their education goals.



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