

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



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