

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, human trafficking, one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world today, is a form of modern day slavery and a crime against humanity that violates basic human rights and deprives victims of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking in all its forms, including forced labor, sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse, face a cruelty that has no place in the modern world; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers target men, women, and children, both United States citizens and foreign nationals, exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, continued and aggressive prosecution, education, awareness, investigation, and prevention efforts are critical to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2017 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND SLAVERY PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the vital role we can play in ending this criminal activity and all forms of slavery and restoring freedom and dignity to victims.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA