

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** throughout the history of our state and nation, we have welcomed people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs, many of whom were seeking relief from religious persecution, giving them the freedom to practice their faith without fear; and

**WHEREAS,** advances in technology have transcended the barriers of time and distance, leading to the growth of our social, economic, and cultural ties to the global community as well as challenges in understanding and communicating with our international neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** open communication, mutual respect, sincere understanding, and unilateral cooperation play a vital role in the promotion of peace and goodwill among all people and between all nations; and

**WHEREAS,** affirming our commitment to interfaith harmony, religious liberty, and tolerance for diverse traditions and beliefs contributes to our continued strength and prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 2013 as

### SOUTH CAROLINA INTERFAITH HARMONY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to foster appreciation for the different faiths, beliefs, and cultures found in the Palmetto State.



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

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