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## **Statement From Gov. Nikki Haley On November 2013 Unemployment Rate**

**COLUMBIA, S.C. –** Governor Nikki Haley today issued the following statement in response to South Carolina's unemployment rate declining significantly to 7.1 percent in November from 7.5 percent in October. Marking four straight months of decline, 7.1 percent unemployment is the lowest since August 2008 and the closest to the national rate since 2002. In addition, over two million South Carolinians are now employed, the highest level since July 2008.

"Today's great news is another testament to our people, our state, and the hard work that has made progress like this possible. The fact that people and companies want to work and grow in South Carolina is no accident – it's what happens when you combine a dedicated workforce with a strong business environment – and that is a real reason to celebrate."

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